



New Hope Presbyterian Church

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† Those who are able, please stand.

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GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Charles Wesley

CHIMES

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn

Soon Sae Kim

#461, Hymn of the Month

WELCOME

† RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem.
Away from the tomb. Away from the shattered hope.
They thought the story was over.

And a stranger joined them on the road.
He walked with them, talked with them,
opened the scriptures until their hearts burned —
and they didn't know who he was until the bread was broken.

That is how this God works: close, unrecognized, patient,
already on the road we thought we were walking alone.
We gather at this table. Break the bread. Open our eyes.

Let us worship the God who meets us on the road home.
Let us worship. Our hearts are burning.

†HYMN #251

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

CALL TO CONFESSION:

The disciples on the road were so certain the story was over. Their certainty — that hope was dead, that the ending was fixed — kept them from seeing what was right beside them.

We confess our certainties too. The ways we have decided what is possible and what is not. The ways we have started walking away. Let us bring our closed hearts honestly to the one who is still walking beside us.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of the road to Emmaus, we confess that we have sometimes given up on the story — on people, on possibilities, on you.
We have walked away from Jerusalem more than once, certain the best things were behind us.**

We confess that we have missed you — on the road, at the table, in the stranger beside us — because we were too grief-stricken or too certain to look up.

Open our eyes. Turn us around. Lead us back. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The disciples' eyes were opened in the breaking of the bread, and Christ vanished — because he no longer needed to be seen that way. They had recognized him. And they turned around. The one who walked with them on the road walks with us. Our misdirection is not the last word.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE: HYMN# 581 ***Gloria Patri***

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning
Is now and never shall be,
World without end.
Amen**

†PASSING THE PEACE

... You are not alone on this road.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

GOD GIVES US THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

God, we have been on this road six weeks together. Open our eyes one more time — to what you have been doing all along, and to what you are still doing.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:13-35

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Congregation Sings)

*This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.*

ANTHEM:

Spirit Song

John Wimber

Wait, That was Him?

Rev. Cindy Mood

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in a God of surprises — a Creator who forms light out of darkness, hope out of despair, and new life where we least expect it.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who came not for the worthy, but for the wandering; not for the powerful, but for the overlooked; not for those who had it together, but for those who knew they did not.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who keeps turning the story in directions we did not plan, calling us by name when we feel lost, and sending us into the world before we feel ready.

We believe the story is not finished. We believe the last word belongs to love. We believe the good news is for us — all of us, exactly as we are.

This is the faith we hold.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†HYMN #252

Day of Arising

Communion

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so with the whole communion of saints — with every disciple whose heart has burned on the road, with everyone who has ever recognized you in the breaking of bread — we lift our voices and sing:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive debtors;

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP:

Link to online giving: <https://onrealm.org/newhopepckaty/give/now>

Or you may use this QR Code.

All checks can be mailed to: 25323 Roesner Ln, Katy TX 77494.

Your Generosity is appreciated.



DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit ever more;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

†HYMN #543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congregation Luncheon- Sunday 09/13**
- **Ballard House Dinner- Thursday 09/17**
- **Katy Pride- Saturday 10/03**
- **World Communion Sunday 10/04**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†EXTROIT

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me

***Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God as our Savior, family all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.***

POSTLUDE

Because He Lives

William J. Gaither