## Welcome to worship at New Hanover

### Fourth Sunday in Lent March 14, 2021

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Richard Thomas, director of GRACE Band and soloist
Patricia Nyce, organist
Sue Lowry, soloist
Jeff Renninger, lector



#### Introduction

The fourth book of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

# May your worship experience strengthen you with God's love and grace.

#### We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

Prelude When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*arr. K. Thompson* Handbell Ensemble 1

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#### Welcome

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### Amen.

#### Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

#### Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. Amen.

#### Gathering Song Lamb of God

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#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

#### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from Numbers

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Jake Anzulewicz

# Second Reading Ephesians 2:1-10 A reading from Ephesians

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—9not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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Gospel Reading John 3:14-21 The holy gospel according to John Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

<sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

#### Song of the Day Forever Reign

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#### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Prayers of Intercession Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

#### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Special Music Communion Prayer M. Mazzatenta Handbell Ensemble 2

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#### After Communion Prayer

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### **Announcements**

#### Sending Hymn

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good ELW #871

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#### Blessing

The blessed and holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal
Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.
Go get'em!

#### Postlude

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#### **Announcements**

**Holy Week Schedule** 

**Palm Sunday**, March 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM service in the NHELC parking lot

**Maundy Thursday**, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM worship service in the NHELC Garden of Hope, bring lawn chairs

**Good Friday**, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM service viewed online at newhanoverlutheran.org and

facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch

Easter, April 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM service in the NHELC parking lot

**NHELC Garden of Hope Needs You!** Spring is almost here and will soon be time for planting. Garden of Hope needs help on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are needed for:

Planting Garden: 9:00 AM - Noon

Wood Chip Spreading: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Bring your gloves, facemasks and spirit as we begin this Mission Event. Contact Donna Kehs at donnakehs@gmail.com, or pastor Scott at (610) 326-1335 ext. 1, or at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org with any questions. Signup at

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church: Garden of Hope (signupgenius.com).

Weeping may linger for the night but joy comes with the morning is this year's mid-week Lenten service theme based on Psalm 30. Join Pastor Scott and Pastor Mary Ann Harris Siefke from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Gilbertsville each week as they offer a solution from a life of pain, anger, despair and fear to living in the light of Christ with healing, grace, strength and help. Taped services will be available beginning on Wednesdays at noon. The lesson for March 17<sup>th</sup> focuses on "Be My Helper."

**Boyertown Area Multi-Service Collection** During the month of March, NHELC is collecting non-perishable items for the local food bank. Bring your donations to the church kitchen door on Sundays between 1-2 PM. Be sure to distinguish your donation for Multi-Service or Loaves and Fishes Food Ministry. Suggested food items include: jelly, pancake mix and syrup, rice, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, condiments, Hamburger Helper, kids snacks, cereal and canned fruit. Suggested non-food items include: paper towels, diapers (size 6), toothbrushes, laundry detergent,

hand soap, toilet paper, deodorant, dish soap, conditioner and assorted gift wrap. Also, sugar-free, sodium-free and low-fat items for those with dietary restrictions are greatly appreciated.

**Time to order Easter lilies**. The suggested donation is \$8.75 per plant. **Orders are due Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Order forms were sent in a recent mailing and are available in the box located outside the office wing door.

The Picnic Grove committee is hosting a **take-out spaghetti dinner** on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy delicious spaghetti with homemade sauce, homemade meatballs, homemade bread, salad and for desert, Pizzelle. The cost is \$10 per meal and are ordered in units of one or two to simplify packing. Multiple meals will be packaged family style. Orders may be placed online at www.newhanoverluthran.org or call the church office at (610) 326-1335. Please designate your pickup time of 4:00, 4:30, 5:00 or 5:30 with your order. **Orders are due by Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up your dinner on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the church kitchen door at your selected pickup time.

**Have a pastoral emergency?** Call the church office at (610) 326-1335 ext. 1 to contact Pastor Scott.

Garden of Hope NHELC is partnering with Trellis for Tomorrow for an innovative organic gardening program onsite at NHELC. Helpers are needed to serve as data manager, pantry relations and logistics, community/corporate liaison, day captains and event/engagement coordinator. For more information about this program, look for the flyer in a recent mailing.

Have an idea for the Garden of Hope logo? Garden of Hope is sponsoring a logo contest. Submit your logo idea to Nikki Young at nikkiannyoung@gmail.com by March 20<sup>th</sup> and be entered for a chance to win a family fun night gift basket. For more information, contact Nikki at her email address above.

#### **Faith Formation**

**Lessons in Lent** NHELC's new Family Faith Formation learning link is now being emailed weekly to our Sunday School families. Each week's session will be based on our mid-week Lenten theme

and our Sunday lectionary texts. This link will also be available on both our "Faith Formation" page and our "Worship Materials and Devotionals" page on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org).

Please note: this week there will be a corresponding video especially for our younger children featuring a telling from the Spark Story Bible of one of the day's Biblical texts. Thank you, Nikki Young!

Parents of Youth - A Faith Formation Lenten Devotional App for your young person is now available. You should have received an email from Deacon Carol with instructions on how to download the app. Each day will include scripture, a reflection, a prayer and a pop art image. If you didn't get the email, let Deacon Carol know and she'll be glad to send it to you!

Another faith formation link is available. Called "Parent Pause" the link features a simple question each week for parents to just ponder throughout the following seven days. Feel free to email Deacon Carol any insights, questions, etc. This link can be found on NHELC's Faith Formation page on the church website, newhanoverlutheran.org.

**Save the Date for Camp Falckner 2021** An overnight camping experience for youth completing fifth – twelfth grade will be held July  $27^{th} - 30^{th}$  in the New Hanover Lutheran Church picnic grove. Watch for registration and more details.

A reminder to fill out the **Sunday School Registration Form** on the Faith Formation page on the church website (newhanoverlutheran.org). By registering, you will receive communications about future faith formation opportunities. Also, there is an **Adult Faith Formation Form** for those who are interested in future learning opportunities like book discussions, etc.

**Family Faith Formation** Watch for details next week about a drive-by for Holy Week Family Faith Formation on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and Easter plans.

New on our Faith Formation page - special coloring "prayer pages" in recognition of the 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary of the pandemic. Suitable for all ages. You can download the

meditative coloring pages from the link on the website. The link will be emailed to Sunday School families too. We still have the coloring pages link for times of being anxious. Through art and prayers we can find God's peace.

Need a prayer lifted up? The NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry is here for you. If you need a prayer, know someone else who could use one, or just want someone to pray about peace and healing for our communities, nation and world, we will lift those prayers up! All information will be kept confidential. Just contact Deacon Carol with your prayer request at caroldetweiler@comcast.net or call the church office and leave her a voice mail and she will pass it on to the prayer group. Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain. Your prayers will be "delivered"!

**Upcoming:** Watch for details about a Palm Sunday Family Faith Formation drive-by, as well as something on Easter Sunday.

### **Food Ministry**

Over 20,000 Meals Delivered

**Drivers are needed** to deliver meals on Wednesdays and/or Sundays at 2:00 PM. To signup, go to www.signupgenius.com then login using the email address marsha.staub@comcast.net. Need help signing up? Email Marsha or contact Pastor Scott to help.

Drop off your grocery donations on Sunday from 1-2 PM at the church kitchen entrance door. Someone will collect your items at the door and if they are busy, please place the items on a cart outside the door. Someone will take them inside shortly. Thank you for all your generosity in helping feed our neighbors. Chicken, beef, fresh fruit, pasta, frozen veggies and snacks are always welcomed and if in doubt, feel free to bring in any non-perishable food item.

Monetary donations for this ministry are appreciated. Go to our website using the link <a href="www.newhanoverlutheran.org/donate">www.newhanoverlutheran.org/donate</a>. Also, donations can be put in our mail slot located at the church fellowship hall entrance. Be sure to designate on your check or envelope "Food Ministry."

**Know someone** in the community who needs meals? Email Sally Sugita at sallysugita@yahoo.com with the person's name, number of people in the household and the address.

Thank you for your support.

## Remember in your prayers

#### Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Larry Gallagher, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, Roy Fleming, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Stephanie Holtz, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Gene Reider, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Karen Trout, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Susie Edwards, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Carly, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Donna Kehs, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Marlyn Bieleski, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, MaryAlice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Russ and Lenore Gates, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Linda Norton, Alyssa Dierolf, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Catherine Underwood, Debra Kissinger, Bobbie, Steve, Matt, Bob and Cindy, Ken Jacobs, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Doris Gross, Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Charles Rhoads

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

#### Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Jean Caputo, Shannon, John, Jean Boyer, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl, Mark Noecker

#### Grieving

Family and friends of Richard Dotterer (Jerry Dotterer's son and Randy Dotterer's brother)

#### Shut-ins

Penny Frymoyer, Fran E. Weaver, Doris Renninger, Janet Deloplaine, Wade Miller

#### Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, Temperance Leister, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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### Loving the world $\heartsuit$

We can help spread Jesus' love all around the world by caring for other people. Circle some of the ways you care for others.





Thank you, God, for loving us so much. Amen

## This week

Practice loving others by collecting boxes of macaroni and cheese for the food shelf.

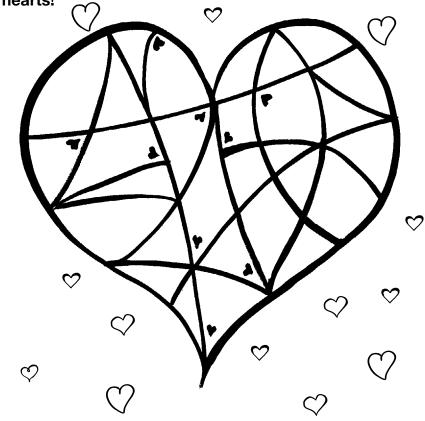




# gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent and we are reminded again of God's amazing love.

Color all the little hearts below and find a symbol of God's love for us, then search this bulletin for 40 hearts!



# hear & celebrate

#### Famous words

Iohn 3:14-21

Jesus was talking with a religious man named Nicodemus when he spoke some of the most famous words in the Bible. What did Jesus say?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16 \(\cap{\sqrt{2}}\)

Find and circle Jesus' famous words, in order, in the puzzle below.

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### **Getting the word out—today!**

Jesus spoke his famous words a long time ago, in a different language. What if he visited your congregation today—what might his famous words sound like?

Use the code below and read John 3:16 in a language that's a little easier to understand.

CODE: = world = everyone = Jesus = loved

God the so much, 



who believes in



will not die, but will live forever. John 3:16.



Try this: Look for John 3:16 in your Bible at home. Underline it with a pencil.



Who was the first person to tell you about God? Share these stories at home.

# Lamb Of God

Words and Music by Twila Paris



# Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

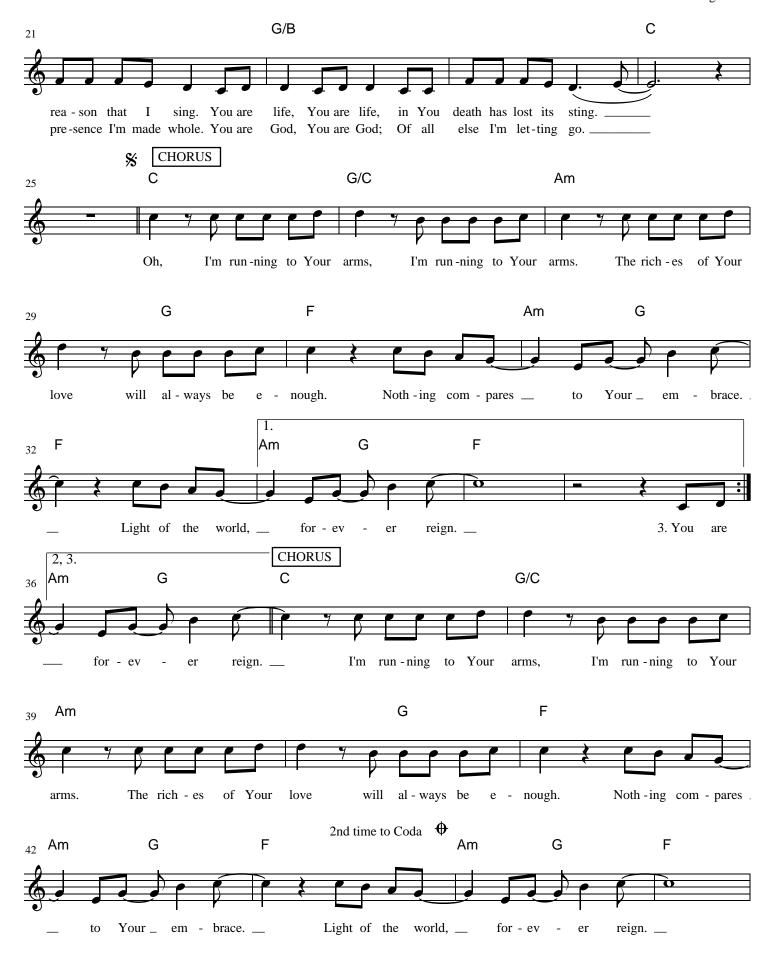


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# Forever Reign

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan and Jason Ingram







## Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



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