

NEW LIFE



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We welcome you into our fellowship as together we gather in the presence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you are a visitor, please take a moment to scan the QR code below and fill out the form.

We want to acknowledge your presence today with a note of thanks. Please let us know if there is a way we may be of help or encouragement to you today.

If you have any prayer requests or concerns, questions about your faith or the Christian life, if you have updates to your contact information, or if there is anything you need to communicate, please note those remarks on the form.



On the front:

*The Meal at Emmaus, Rembrandt van Rijn, 1654
Metropolitan Museum of Art*

Notice the astonishment and wonder on the two disciples faces at the exact moment that Jesus breaks the bread when the text says that Jesus was finally revealed to them. The shining light emanating from Christ amplifies this moment of revelation. Before this moment, they thought he was just a random traveler, but now they see that he is the Lord.

WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

But it is not only the martyrs who share in his passion by their glorious courage; the same is true, by faith, of all who are born again in baptism. That is why we are to celebrate the Lord's paschal sacrifice with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. The leaven of our former malice is thrown out, and a new creature is filled and inebriated with the Lord himself. For the effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive. As we have died with him, and have been buried and raised to life with him, so we bear him within us, both in body and in spirit, in everything we do.

- *Leo the Great, 5th c.*

You soul, devoted to God, whoever you are, run with living desire to this Fountain of Life and Light. From this Fountain flows the stream of the oil of gladness, which gladdens the city of God, and the powerful fiery torrent, I say, of the pleasure of God, from which the guests at the heavenly banquet drink to joyful inebriation and sing without ceasing hymns of jubilation.

- *St. Bonaventure, 13th c.*

Paul cried with an exactness of truth, "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of death, we shall be also in likeness of his resurrection." Well has he said, "planted together." For since the true vine was planted in this place, we also by partaking in the baptism of death, have been planted together with him.

- *Cyril of Jerusalem, 4th c.*

I can write no more. All that I have written seems like straw.

-*St. Thomas Aquinas, 13th c.*

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + EASTER + PENTECOST +

Easter is the greatest festival season of the Christian year. It begins with the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) and lasts for 50 days. After the long preparation of Lent, and the cold dreary winter months that accompany it, and the somber preparation of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter Sunday erupts into our hearts and souls as a joyous celebration filled with expectation of Christ's work among us. For 50 days we feast and celebrate Our Lord and his great victory. Easter themes are new life, joy, exuberance, resurrection, hope and love. The liturgical colors for Easter are white and gold.

THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us pray.

COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord through the breaking of bread: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

and you have healed me.

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

- Psalm 16:11b, Psalm 30:1–5

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

1. Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Refrain

**Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue
rejoice**

One heart, one voice

O Church of Christ rejoice

2. Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

3. Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

THE PSALM: PSALM 116:1-14; ANTIPHON: V. 5

Antiphon: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

- ¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

- ⁶ The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;
⁹ I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

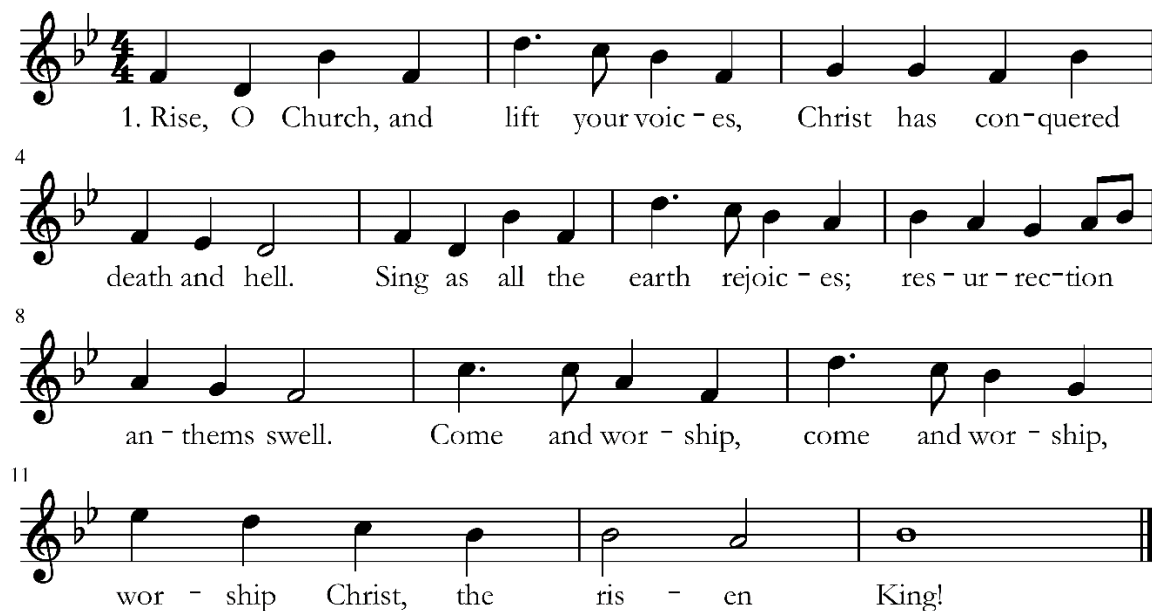
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

- ¹⁰ I believed, even when I spoke:
“I am greatly afflicted”;
¹¹ I said in my alarm,
“All mankind are liars.”
¹² What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?
¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

WORSHIP CHRIST THE RISEN KING



1. Rise, O Church, and lift your voices, Christ has con- quered
4 death and hell. Sing as all the earth rejoic - es; res - ur - rec- tion
8 an - them's swell. Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,
11 wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!

2. See the tomb where death had laid Him
Empty now its mouth declares
Death and I could not contain Him
For the throne of life He shares
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the Risen King

3. Hear the earth protest and tremble
See the stone removed with pow'r
All hell's minions may assemble
But cannot withstand His hour
He has conquered, He has conquered
Christ the Lord the Risen King

4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer
He is risen, He is risen
Now receive the Risen King

5. We acclaim Your life O Jesus
Now we sing Your victory
Sin or hell may seek to seize us
But Your conquest keeps us free
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph
Worship Christ the Risen King

Words: Jack W. Hayford, 1986
Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867

CONFESSING OUR SINS

Alleluia! Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us,

Therefore let us keep the feast,

not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

-1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Continue your confession of sins in silent prayer

RECEIVING ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

-1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to his people on earth!

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

1. Low in the grave He lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior; wait - ing the

6 com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord

9 **Refrain**
Up from the grave he a - rose, with a migh - ty triumph o'er his

12 focs, He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

16 lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign! He a - rose! He a -

20 rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed
Jesus, my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead
Jesus, my Lord. **[Refrain]**

3. Death cannot keep his prey
Jesus, my Savior;
he tore the bars away
Jesus, my Lord. **[Refrain]**

Words and Music: Robert Lowry, 1874

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dear Jesus, on the night you were raised from the dead, you showed two disciples who you really are when you shared the Lord's Supper with them in their home. We pray that you would also show us who you really are when we take the Lord's Supper later this morning. Fill us with your love and with faith in you as we eat and drink together. Amen.

PRAISES AND PETITIONS

Please see page 22 for the prayers this week.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

All children may come forward for a brief lesson and prayer by Pastor Tim. Then children up to fifth grade are dismissed for an age-appropriate lesson.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

While the children are being dismissed, we will have a brief time of welcome and greeting. You are welcome to "pass the peace of Christ" to one another.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting, or have a contact update, please scan the QR code below and fill out the form. Please see announcements on page 23.



THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

EPISTLE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad.¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with

us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther,²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

HEARING THE WORD PREACHED

Sermon Title: “Finding the Body of the Lord Jesus”
Sermon Text: Luke 24:13-35
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Timothy R. LeCroy

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke through the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERING

New Life is supported by the generous gifts of our church members and friends. If you are visiting, you are not expected to give, but if the Lord has blessed you today and you would like to support our ministry, it would be most appreciated. If you don't have cash or check, you can also give on-line at www.newlifeithaca.org/giving/

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

-2 Cor. 9:6-7

OFFERTORY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

EUCCHARIST

THE GREAT 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 the Lord, our God.

It is proper and right to do so.

Truly it is proper, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ; for He is the very Paschal Lamb that was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world; who by His death has destroyed death and by His rising to life again has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

HO - LY! HO - LY! HO - LY! LORD, GOD OF HOSTS.

5
Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo-ry! Ho - san-na in the high - est!!

11
Bles-sed is He who comes in the NAME of the LORD.

15
Ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

THE ACCLAMATION

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor prays a further prayer for the Holy Spirit to bless our communion meal.

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 our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen.

THE INVITATION

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion with us.

-If this does not describe you, you are invited to come forward, crossing your arms in front of your chest when you reach the front, to receive a blessing from the pastor.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation will come forward row-by-row, forming two lines in the center aisle. Cup your hands together to receive the bread, then proceed outwardly to the wine tray. There is juice in the very center and wine on the outside. Then use the outside aisle to return to your seat and wait until we eat and drink together.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven—
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinckart
Translation: Catharine Winkworth
Music: Johann Crüger

Prayers for Those Not Communing

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I recognize that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For Those Struggling with Sin

If you are a baptized believer in Christ who is struggling with sin, you should still come forward for communion. As it says in our Larger Catechism 172:

One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, *for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians*) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labour to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and *ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*We partake together of the most holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
After the communion the pastor prays a prayer of blessing.*

BENEDICTION

The Pastor pronounces a blessing upon the congregation from Scripture.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Thomas Ken

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang Cologne, 1623

DECLARATION OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

- **Pray for Pastor Faisal** and his team who were **robbed at gunpoint** while **delivering Bibles to villages** around the Pakistani countryside. **Pray for safety, trauma healing,** and that **God's Word** would **reach those** who need to hear the Gospel in **Pakistan**.

PCA CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN THE NEW YORK STATE PRESBYTERY

- **Redeemer Reformed Presbyterian Church, Queensbury; Ned Suffern,** pastor

SISTER CHURCHES IN ITHACA

- **First Ithaca Chinese Christian Church; Bin Tang and Paul Epp,** pastors

NEW LIFE ALUMS IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

- **Whitney and Sage Buckner, A Rocha -- Vancouver, British Columbia**

OUTREACH IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

- **Bruce Cain, Wycliffe Bible Translators** in **Southeast Asia**

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

- **President Donald Trump** and **Vice-President J.D. Vance;** the **members of Congress** and the **Judiciary**

NEW LIFE CHURCH

- **Steve & Sheryl Froehlich:** **Pray** that their **son Christopher's** participation in a **burn pit study** would lead to **meaningful change** in the armed forces. **Pray** for their **grandson Eli** and for **wisdom for Eli's parents.** **Pray** for **Steve's work** as **interim pastor** at **Westminster Presbyterian** in **Rock Tavern.**
- **Pray** for all **New Life alums** working for the federal government, that they would retain their jobs and funding during this time. **Pray** also for those working at Cornell who may be affected by the related hiring freezes and budget cuts.
- **Pray** for all the **victims of abuse** in the worldwide **church,** that they will **receive justice and healing.**
- **Pray** for our church's **financial footing** has as **giving** has been down for the last two months.

If you do not wish to have praises and requests shared during the worship service printed in the bulletin for the next three weeks, please inform Angela Brodie in an email (angelabrodie@gmail.com).

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End of Year Reception TODAY

Immediately following worship, we'll have cake and hors d'oeuvres with some festive beverages to celebrate the end of the semester.

Youth Group – No Youth Group This Month

We will resume in June.

Pentecostal Pulled Pork Potluck – June 8th

We will celebrate the feast of Pentecost with some of Pastor Tim's pulled pork. Look for a sign up for appetizers, sides, and desserts.

Morning Prayer & Pastor Tim's "Office Hours" – Tuesdays

Join us on Tuesdays at 7:45AM for a short time of prayer. We will be using the traditional form for the Daily Office, which has confession of sin, psalms, scripture readings, and intercessory prayer; and our time together should last about 20 minutes. Immediately following Morning Prayer on Tuesdays, Pastor Tim will be available at the church for consultation or conversation. Please feel free to stop by.

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Please let us know you worshiped with us today!

We would like to acknowledge your presence with us today. You will not be added to any mailing lists without your permission and we will not share your information with anyone. Please fill this out and place it in the offering when it comes by.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

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- ☐ I am an out-of-town visitor.
- ☐ I reside locally and I am visiting New Life Church today.
- ☐ I would like more information about New Life. Please have someone contact me.
- ☐ Please send me more information about: _____
- ☐ I would like to meet the pastor for coffee.

Other comments: _____