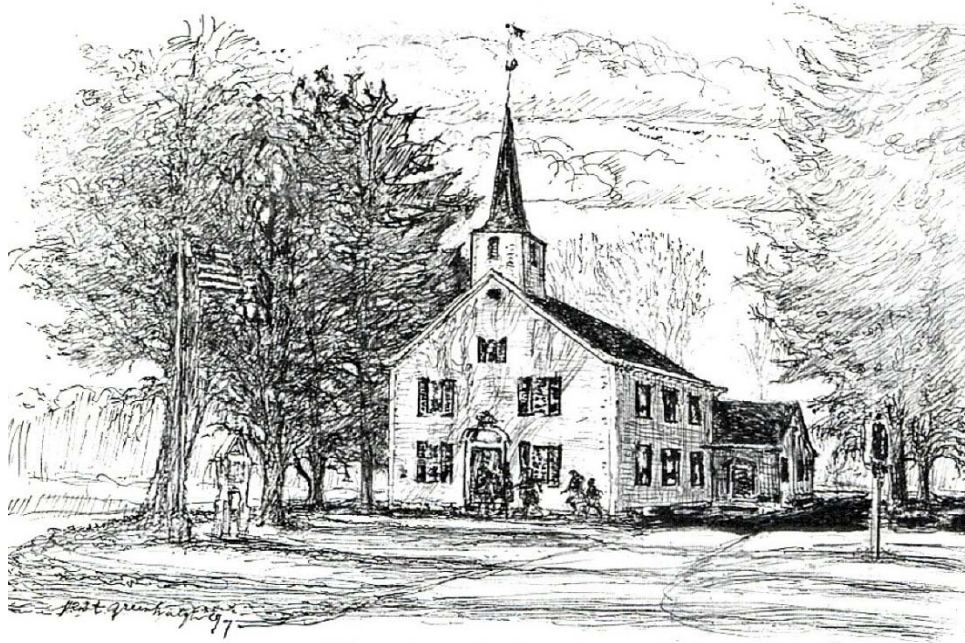


NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church
Founded in 1734*

New City,
New York



Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

June 2, 2019

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION
PRELUDE “

10:55-11 AM

GREETING

Lay Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“Alleluia, Christ is Risen”

Jay Althouse

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Lay Leader

The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house,

O Lord, forever and forever more.

The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Holy God of every time and every place, you gather us to hear of Jesus.

**Help us see your infinite life in our own community and in all of creation,
we pray in your holy name. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Lay Leader

Let us come before God with contrite hearts, acknowledging our sin and trusting in
forgiveness.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Merciful God,
day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised
forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to give the riches we cannot see.
We have not honored our sisters and brothers as heirs of your desired peace.
We have not forgiven others or ourselves.
Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth,
that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty,
to the glory of your ascended Son. Amen.

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Lay Leader

By the power of the Holy Spirit, as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus
and the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your
sins, that with renewed life you may serve this creation and the people of God in peace
and strength. God is with you.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

#106

*“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to His Name.*

Please be seated following the Sung Response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By the power of the Holy Spirit open our minds to the Word, your Son,
who comes to us as one of us and ascends to the heavens to remain with us. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 46 (pg. 490)

Lay Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

by Heather Sorenson

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Dr. Knight-Whitehouse

SECOND READING

Acts 1:1-11 (pg. 947)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Knight-Whitehouse

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Minister: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***HYMN**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

#146

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

For the gifts of Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and ascension,
and for the privilege of offering the fruits of our hands,
let us give thanks to God with what we have this day.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

PRAYER CARDS Please fill out and place your Prayer Card in the offering plate

***DOXOLOGY**

#592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious and giving God, you are the One who first has given to us all that we need for life. Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer for want of your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)

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 the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have called us to a rich hope and a glorious inheritance among the saints.

You fixed the world in place and rule over all from your sacred throne.

You formed a people for yourself and through Moses and the prophets you spoke to them of the Christ who fills all in all.

Therefore we join with saints and angels who forever sing the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might. Hea-ven and earth are
6 full of your glor - y, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
10 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

As it was written, he suffered and was killed, but you raised him from the dead and he walked again with his chosen ones, speaking to them of your glorious kingdom. You carried him into heaven on the clouds and made him head over all things for the church, seating him at your right hand far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. We remember how he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. We remember how he took the cup after supper, saying, This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. Make us one people, one body in Christ, as we seek to show your steadfast love and proclaim the good news of salvation. Make a place for us at your heavenly banquet so that we may eat and drink with thanksgiving when all things are fulfilled in your holy realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hear us as we lift to you our concerns and prayers...

We pray in the triune name of God. **Amen. Our Father...**

THE COMMUNION

Members of the congregation are invited to receive and eat the bread individually, then to hold the cup, so that we may all drink together. All who have been baptized, and who trust Jesus as the Christ, are welcome to this table, regardless of church membership or affiliation. We offer gluten-free bread and the grape juice is nonalcoholic.

THE BREAD IS SERVED:

The Bread of Heaven.

THE CUP IS SERVED:

The Cup of Salvation.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of resurrection and ascension, in this feast you have given us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus that we may be one. Give us grace and power to look, not up to the skies for the presence of our Lord, but to look around and see him in the faces of those we meet. In Jesus ' name we pray, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Blessings and Honor"

#147

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

"Litany for Easter"

Gordon Young

***POSTLUDE**