

Better Together:



**Transformed by
God's Variety of Gifts**

**Welcome to
Worship!**

We are an inclusive faith community. Please find a warm welcome here!

Children are lovingly included in worship. Please be patient with peeps and squirms. Worship activity bags are available from an usher for children up to age 10. Staffed nursery care is available for children through age 4.

*indicates to please stand as you are able.

We are a Stephen Ministry, Covenant Network, and Earth Care Congregation.

Prayer Requests:
Contact Pastor Riz in the office with a voicemail message.



June 28, 2015 ~ 10:00 am

*(Please consider signing the friendship pad.
We would like to get to know you.)*

Words of Meditation—Inclusion means more than letting people with disabilities enter our buildings. It means more than architectural accessibility, essential as that is.

Prelude “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
setting, Joseph M. Martin

***Call to Worship—Beatitudes for an Inclusive Church**

Blessed are those who value the gifts of all persons as members of the Body of Christ.

Blessed are those who treat people with disabilities as persons first, not as “the disabled.”

Blessed are those who can be open about their own hidden disabilities.

Blessed are those who speak directly to people with disabilities, who do not speak to them through a companion.

Blessed are those who speak at eye level to people in wheelchairs.

Blessed are those who identify themselves when they speak to people who are blind or visually impaired and who do not walk away without saying so.

Blessed are those who do not shout at people who are hard of hearing, but who speak directly and clearly.

Blessed are those who take time to listen to people whose speech may sound “different.”

Blessed are those who treat adults like adults, who resist the temptation to “talk down” or to pat the head of a person in a wheelchair.

Blessed are those who do not use hand signals but who use clear, verbal directions for people who are blind.

Blessed are those who would like to be helpful but who ask first, “Can I help you in any way?”

Blessed are those who do not grab and drag a person who is blind, but who offer an arm, usher style.

Blessed are those who “partner” with someone with a disability when going through a buffet line.

Blessed are those who leave table space and wide aisles for people using wheelchairs.

Blessed are those who do not stop to discuss hot issues on the stairways and keep handrails clear.

Blessed are those who do not lean on wheelchairs because they know these are like extensions of the body for persons who use them.

Blessed are those who save elevator space for those who need it and take the stairs or escalators themselves.

Blessed are those who do not pet or play with a guide or service dog.

Blessed are those who are aware of those around them in the event of an emergency.

Rejoice and be glad for you will make many new friends and gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be members of the Body of Christ.

- Rev. Bebe Baldwin

*Hymn

“This is My Father’s World”

No. 370

*Call to Confession

As we celebrate the rich diversity in creation and rejoice that God has loved each one of us into being, may we see the divine image in each person we meet. Let us confess our sins before God and one another, first individually in silence and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

Silence

*Prayer of Confession

O God, who knows all that is in our hearts and minds, forgive us for the times we have not listened to the voices that are soft or slow or hard for us to understand. Forgive us for the times we have not opened our hearts to those who communicate without speaking. Help us to welcome the gifts of people of all abilities that we may rejoice together when no one is an outsider. We pray in the name of Jesus, who listened to those who were marginalized, the “silenced” of his day. Amen.

Response "We Are Forgiven" No. 447

*Sharing the Peace of Christ Jesus

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us now greet one another with the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time "Jolanda's Story" Laurie Reis

Scripture Luke 14:16-24

Message "Feasting on Accessibility" Pastor Jo Taliaferro

*Hymn "There is a Balm in Gilead" No. 792

Responding to the Word

Meditation on Stewardship

Created in the image of God, we affirm that each person has within a spark of God's creativity to be used in unique and surprising ways. To welcome the abilities of all is to celebrate God's creativity. Created in the image of God, we are loved into being, for God is love. Knowing that we are loved, even with bodies or minds others may call "disabled," gives us the freedom to love ourselves as God loves us. Created in the image of God, we are called to live in relationship with others. Within community we discover that we are all connected; we all are interdependent. We are not alone. Our own abilities are complete when we join with others in joy and thanksgiving.

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: Lord in your Mercy.

People: Hear our 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Good News of Ministry

Offering Our Lives and Gifts to God

(Loose change supports our mission partners in Haiti, Mark Hare and Jenny Bent.)

Offertory

“Aria”

Emma Lou Diemer

*Prayer of Dedication

God of love, we give these offerings in gratitude,

Rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

We give these offerings in faith,

Trusting that you will provide for our needs.

We give these offerings in hope,

Knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

May we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen.

*Hymn

“Fight the Good Fight”

No. 846

*Benediction

Brothers and sisters, our God, has promised to surprise us with joy when we discover our own unused gifts and those of people we call “disabled.” Welcome and celebrate the abilities of all who use their gifts in new and different ways. **We join our gifts together in ways that affirm all people, build better communities, and respect all of creation. Amen.**

Postlude

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

Kenneth T. Kosche

SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE TODAY A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION:

The flowers are given by Mary Kaul in memory of Bud Thomssen.

Worship Leader: Dean Schmidt

Guest Greeter: Ann Bursch

Host Greeters: Ardys & Paul Randall

Karen Flynn is our guest organist this morning. Thank you, Karen, for sharing your gifts with us!

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**Rides available to
worship:**

Contact Chris in the
office by noon on
Thursday.

The church office is
open Monday - Friday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm;
closed
12:30 pm to 1:00 pm
for lunch.

Ruling Elders:

Scott Barraclough
Eric Brandsness
Thomas Chandy
Nancy Holt
Marjory Johns
Julie Kehne
Larry Lane
Irene Meinen
Bruce Nelson
Pam Nofsinger
Lois Nyman
Tom Ruter
Adam Schultz
Kate Wolfe-Jenson
(Barb Nelson, Clerk)

*(If you have ever been
ordained as an Elder, you
are always an Elder!)*

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

If you spill food or drink in the Sanctuary, please clean it up immediately. Thank you.

The Session of New Life Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 5, 2015 following the worship service for the purpose of authorizing session to apply for a loan secured by church properties from the Synod of Lakes & Prairies in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 for capital expenses. All active members of the congregation have the responsibility and privilege of attending the meeting and of both speaking and voting.

Change the World for Mission in Haiti - Your change in the offering and Bowl of Abundance during June supports our Presbyterian mission partners in Haiti, Mark Hare and Jenny Bent. Their work in rural Haiti helps Haitian farmers grow more food on small amounts of land and improves the health of Haitian farm workers. Please pray for Mark and Jenny and their two young daughters Keila and Annika.

Holy Hammers needs a few people to help finish the house in July - We have extended our schedule for the weeks of July 6-10 and July 13-18. If you are interested in working another day on the house on Van Buren please call Jerry Peterson @ 612-270-7775. Work schedules will be the same schedule of 8:30 to 4pm each day but bring your own lunch, as food will not be provided.

Thanks to the men and boys who sang a hearty anthem last Sunday: Craig Sulzdorf, John Silliman, Luke and Leo Heikkila, Chuck Baumann, Ed Galle, Don Liebenstein, Jym Hubbell, Warren Wolfe.

Summer Singing for Ladies of All Ages! - Mark your calendars and plan to participate in this unique singing opportunity! **Female chorus** (featuring mothers, grandmothers and daughters) July 15 rehearsal, 6:30-7:30 pm; July 19 sing in worship.

Have you "Liked" us on Facebook? Are you following us on Twitter?

You can always **access the weekly e-notes** from Twitter (@NewLifeChurchRo), our Facebook page (NewLifeChurchRoseville) and on our website at **www.newlifechurchroseville.org/newsletter** Still have questions? Ask Pamela Nofsinger at **communications@newlifechurchroseville.org**

GOOD NEWS! PART 2

Adult Education - Please contact Kate Wolfe-Jenson before July 6 if you are interested in helping plan, or have suggestions for, Adult Education for the 2015-16 season. Email kate@jensons.com or call 651-402-5927.

Without Partners will meet July 11 at 11:30 am for potluck picnic at Marie Churchward's - 3093 Asbury Ave, Arden Hills, 651-633-1882. Marie will provide a hot dish, and you may bring any dish you would like. RSVP to Marie or Lois Nyman, 651-489-6965 and also if you need a ride. Agenda: good food, play games, socialize and laugh a lot!

Changes in Building Access for Key Fob Holders - The front door access point has been repaired so that you will be able to enter even in very cold weather. In an effort to better manage the traffic through the building, everyone that is a key fob holder will soon only have access at the front door. This does not apply to those folks that maintain the grounds. If you have questions/concerns, please contact Chris in the office at 651.488.5581.

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THIS WEEK AT NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, June 28

9:00 am-3:00 pm Kenyan Outreach Church-
Youth Space, Kitchen

10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship-Atrium

5:00 pm AA Meeting-Great Rm, Nursery

Monday, June 29

10:00 am Kaposia-Heritage Rm

6:00 pm TOPS-Heritage Rm

Tuesday, June 30

9:15 am TOPS-Heritage Rm

Wednesday, July 1

9:00 am Quilters-Heritage Rm

11:30 am Staff meeting-Conf Rm

Thursday, July 2

6:30 pm AA Meeting-Great Rm

Friday, July 3

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, July 4

Happy 4th of July!

Sunday, July 5

9:00 am-3:00 pm Kenyan Outreach Church-
Youth Space, Kitchen

10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary

11:00 am Congregational Meeting-
Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship-Atrium

5:00 pm AA Meeting-Great Rm, Nursery