**New Hope**

**United Methodist Church**

***March 21, 2021 5th Sunday in Lent***

We are New Hope United Methodist Church, a Community of Faith that exists for the Glory of God to reach out and welcome people, serve others and equip them with a faith that works in everyday life.

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF BELLS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREETINGS, AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – Worship Leader**

**(\*INVITES CONGREGATION TO STAND)**

**\*Call to Worship (by liturgist only):**

“Where have you been off to this time?” God asks us lovingly. *We have been around. There are so many distractions in our lives!*

“How long has it been?” asks God. “I miss spending time with you. It’s been too long.”

“Are you ready to spend some time with me?” God asks. *We’re ready. We’re exhausted doing and going and running in all directions.*

“Then come home. Come back to the place where you are loved, no matter what.” *Gladly we come home. Gladly we are here. Gladly we sing of the welcoming love of God!*

**\*Opening Hymn** **(track 1) insert**

***“Have A Little Talk With Jesus”***

**Invitation to Confession:**

O God, it has been a difficult week. Things have happened for which we were not prepared. We have not responded to difficulties with love, but rather with impatience. We have been stressed, pulled, pushed, tossed. We have avoided you. Give us peace. Help us to slow down so that we can receive your healing words of love.

**[continue to pray in silence]**

**Assurance of Forgiveness and Grace (by pastor):** There is no pain that God cannot heal. There is no wrong that God cannot forgive.  Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God’s forgiveness.  Come and be restored.  Let God make you whole.

**Hymn (track 18) 77, Blue Hymnal**

***“How Great Thou Art” (verse 1)***

**Gospel Lesson** **Luke 11:1-13 (NT p. 67-68)**

**Hymn (track 17) 526, Blue Hymnal**

***“What A Friend We Have…” (vs 1 & 2nd half of 2)***

**Sermon** “Don’t Give Up!”  **Pastor Ric**

**Hymn (track 16) insert**

***“Just a Closer Walk”***

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and 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 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. AMEN

**Invitation to the Offering**

Our giving this morning, whether we have been lost and wandering, or secure and safe, expresses our firm conviction that God is with us, no matter what. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise. Thank you for your gifts for the ministry of this church.

**\*Doxology 95, Blue Hymnal**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**\*Offertory prayer (by pastor)**

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn (track 3) insert**

***“Where The Soul of Man”***

**\*Benediction**

Now may the One who is faithful to all be with us all as we depart this blessed place. May we be a blessing in every place we go, until we gather again. Go in peace. Amen.

***Thank you for worshipping with us today!***

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**W7797 Center Road, Glenbeulah, WI 53023-1508**

**Worship at 9:30 am – March 21, 2021**



**Pastor: Ric Olson** [**pastor@gbnewhopeumc.org**](mailto:pastor@gbnewhopeumc.org) **(920) 980-8302**

***If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the pastor, or call the New Hope Church Office at 920-526-3372.***

***Welcome to New Hope United Methodist Church***

***Church Phone: 920-526-3372***

***Church e-mail address:*** [***newhopeumc@gbnewhopeumc.org***](mailto:newhopeumc@gbnewhopeumc.org)

***Attendance on 3/14: 13 Offering: $ 670.00***

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

***Send announcements to: Nancy at*** [***nancy@gbnewhopeumc.org***](mailto:nancy@gbnewhopeumc.org)

***Prayer Chain Requests:*** *Please call Kaye Hau (920-526-3882)*

***Next Communion Sunday:*** *Easter, April 4th*

***Next Administrative Board Meeting:*** *Monday, Apr 12th @ 6:30 PM*

***FYI****: All loose coins and single dollar bills will be given to missions.*

***UPCOMING EVENTS:***

* March 28 (Sunday) Palm Sunday
* April 1 (Thursday) 6:30 pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Service
* April 2 (Friday) 6:30 pm: Good Friday Service
* April 4 (Sunday) EASTER!

***KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS:***

* *Prayers for all the front-line workers and prayers for all experiencing stress and anxiety as the Covid pandemic continues.*
* *Prayers for all school systems that are making decisions about how to open their schools safely, and the teachers, staff, parents and students who are trying to make decisions about what to do.*

***REMINDERS***

* Today is the deadline to place your order for Easter Flowers!  Thank you!

**Have A Little Talk With Jesus**

Refrain: Now let us have a little talk with Jesus  
Let us tell Him all about our trouble  
He will hear our faintest cry and He will answer by and by  
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning  
Then you'll know a little fire is burning  
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right

Sometimes my past seems drear without a ray of cheer

And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day

The mist of sin may rise and hide the starry skies

But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way

[Refrain]

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in  
And then a little light from Heaven filled my soul  
He bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above  
And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole

[Refrain 2X]

**Just a closer walk with Thee**

[Chorus]

Just a closer walk with Thee

Grant it, Jesus, is my plea

Daily walking close to Thee

Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

[Repeat Chorus]

I am weak but Thou art strong

Jesus keep me from all wrong

I'll be satisfied as long

As you walk, you walk close to Me

When this feeble life is o'er

Time for me will be no more

Gently lead me to that shore

Let me walk, let me walk, close to Thee

[Chorus]

**Where the Soul Never Dies**

To Canaan's land I'm on my way  
Where the soul (of man) never dies  
My darkest night will turn to day  
Where the soul (of man) never dies

Refrain: No sad farewells  
No tear dimmed eyes  
Where all is (peace) love  
And the soul of man never dies

A rose is blooming there for me  
Where the soul (of man) never dies  
And I will spend eternity  
Where the soul (of man) never dies

Refrain

I'm on my way to that fair land  
Where the soul (of man) never dies  
Where there will be no parting hand  
Where the soul (of man) never dies

Refrain 2X