

*Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

*For all who are lonely, or frightened on this day  
For those who do not share the joy we feel this morning  
For our world where peace is still an elusive goal  
For those who are sick and those who are depressed  
For the poor and for those unable to shake addictions  
For all others who have need of any kind  
And for the in-breaking of your kingdom in and through our lives*



# New Hope United Methodist Church

Third Sunday After Epiphany  
January 22, 2012

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sun.</b> 1/22	9:00 am Sunday School. 10:00 Announcement 10:05 Worship
<b>Mon</b> 1/23	AM Office hours today
<b>Tue</b> 1/24	2:00 pm, Prayer Warriors
<b>Wed</b> 1/25	Office hours 2-6 PM 6:00 pm, Choir Practice
<b>Thurs</b> 1/26	Pastor's Sabbath
<b>Fri-Sat</b>	Pastor at Duke Sat UMM Breakfast/ Chili Cook-off
<b>Sun.</b> 1/29	9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Announcements 10:05 Worship

The Pastor will be out of town from 1/ 30– 2/ 7.  
For pastoral care during this time please contact :

Rev. Ray Tavenner at 333-0435

Three Simple Rules for Christian Living:

1. *Do No Harm*
2. *Do Good*
3. *Stay in Love with God*

*Prayer for Unity in a Divided World:*

*Let us devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayers.*

*There is a simplicity in sharing which brings about reconciliation.*

*There is a joy in breaking bread which brings about justice.*

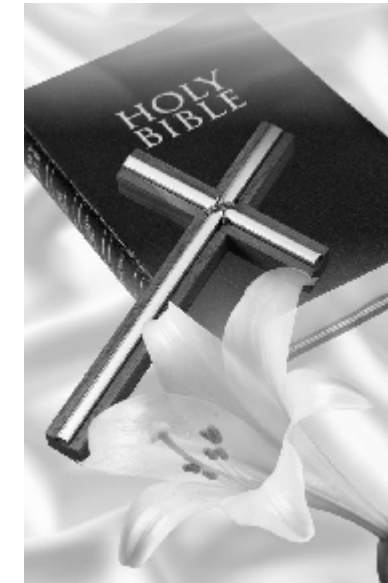
*There is an openness in learning which brings about change.*

*There is a humility in prayer which opens up the way for peace.*

*There is an experience of fellowship which teaches us unity.*

*So, dear brothers and sisters:*

*May we be impelled by the Spirit to be one in love as we bear witness in today's world and work with joy for justice, for change, for peace and for unity. Amen.*



*The mission of the United Methodist Church is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"  
Enter to worship -- Depart to serve*

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## *The Third Sunday After Epiphany*

Musician: Ann Butt

### PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VISITORS, PASSING THE PEACE

#### GREETING

Leader: So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

People: **for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

**\*HYMN**                                      **Come We That Love The Lord**                                      **No. 732**

#### OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let us pray:

**O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love.**

**Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. If we confess our sin, we are set free from the law and offered the free gift of grace. By the grace of our triune God we are a forgiven people. **Amen**

**THE HEBREW BIBLE LESSON**                                      **Jonah 3: 1-5,10**

**THE EPISTLE LESSON**                                      **1 Corinthians 7: 29-31**

Reader: The word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN**                                      **God of Love and God of Power**                                      **No. 578**

#### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**                                      **Mark 1: 14-20**

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**    **The Apostles Creed**                                      **Hymnal pg. 881**

**\*HYMN**                                      **Forth in Thy Name, O Lord**                                      **No. 438**

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING AND PASSING THE PEACE TO THE WORLD**

#### \*POSTLUDE

*A Prayer for the Will to Repent*

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. (Jonah 3:10, NRSV)

*Lord, help me turn away from evil*

*Before it is too late, before the children get the wrong idea, before I ruin my health*

*Before I lose my job, Before I break my spouse's heart, before I go to jail.*

*Help me to turn away before the natural consequences of evil cannot be held back...*

*before this mark on an already-seared conscience becomes indelible....*

*Forgiving God, Loving God, God-who-makes-a-way-out-of-no-way,*

*Help me to stop and turn away Before it is too late!*

*Amen.*