

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Last call for Easter Flowers! Orders Due by April 4th, 2022**

### **April Communion Recipient : DEACON FUND**

The Deacon fund was established to answer our Lord's command that we take care of those in need within our own congregation. Periodically throughout the year a member (s) of New Life will have come on hard times and find themselves in a situation where financial help is needed to recover from a specific crisis such as rent assistance, bill payment, car repair. This financial help is often looked at as a loan and is paid back when that person is able but that is not a requirement of the gift. Please help us to keep this fund healthy so that we will be able to help our brothers and sisters in their time of need.

**The Reformed Church in America Global Mission** is STILL working with partners and missionaries on the ground in Europe to help respond to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine by providing aid for refugees. Ask if you need the address.

<b>SERVING SCHEDULE</b>	<b>April 3</b>	<b>April 10</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	MaryJo Chapman	Amy Davidsz
<b>Ushers</b>	LeeAnn Utech	Sharon Chrusniak
<b>Kidz Korner</b>	Mary Ehrhardt	Greg Blackman
<b>Sound Room</b>	Dave Williams	Manuel Gonzalez
<b>Deacon</b>	Kathy Cormany	Julie Pearson

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

If you are in need of pastoral care, Pastor Tim is available for office hours or visitation by appointment. If you would like to meet with him, please call (515)708-0650 or email [timothyehrhhardt@msn.com](mailto:timothyehrhhardt@msn.com). If necessary, Pastor John can still be reached at (262) 783-5975 or [revjhbylsma@gmail.com](mailto:revjhbylsma@gmail.com).

Please continue to pray for our church and offer your services to promote the health and well-being of Christ's Body in this place.

### **Prayer of the Day:**

Creator God, you have formed us as your own. So, whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, we thank you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*Sunday, April 3, 2022*

New Life Community Church

*Our Vision:*

*Making Christ real to people in their everyday lives.*

# Sunday Worship

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 3, 2022

**PRELUDE** My Faith Looks Up to Thee Gordon Young  
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross Dale Wood

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING HYMN** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (vs.1-3) Hymn #43

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

**People: He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Pastor: He is the image of the invisible God.

**People: The firstborn of all creation.**

Pastor: In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers.

**People: All things have been created through him and for him.**

Pastor: He himself is before all things.

**People: And in him all things hold together.**

Pastor: He is the head of the body, the church.

**People: He is the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**HYMN** “Rise Up, O Church of God” (vs.1-4) Hymn # 293

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ or desire the change you want to make. Forgive us, we pray. Help us bend our lives toward your ways of giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes, our churches, and the whole world with the abundant love of Christ, until we are made new. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Philippians 3:9

Pastor: Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. The good news is that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The old life has passed away – and a new life has begun.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### PEACE

Pastor: “May the peace of Christ be with you.”

**People: “And also with you.”**

### THE LAW

Philippians 3:13-14

Pastor: Forget what is behind. Strain toward what lies ahead.

**People: We press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Amen!**

**HYMN** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (vs.1-4) Hymn 185

## THE WORD OF GOD

### KIDZ KORNER

Mary Ehrhardt

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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**SERMON** “God Is Doing a New Thing”

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

**HYMN** “Hallelujah, What a Savior!” (vs.1-5) Hymn # 175

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**SENDING SONG** “Seek Ye First” (vs.1-2) Hymn # 42

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** Largo F. Chopin

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