# A Breath Prayer for the Easter Season:

"I put my trust in Your unfailing love."

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Order of Worship 25 April 2021 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

# We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music Welcome Call to Worship Worship Reading from Psalm 23 Worship in Song

### We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayers of the People Scripture Reading: Acts 4.1-12 Sermon: "Asking For God's Presence"

#### We Come to the Table

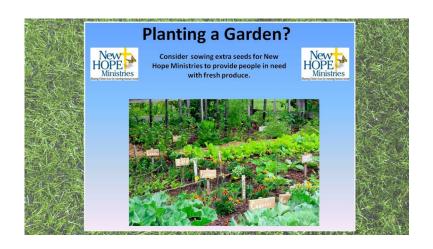
The Peace
Prayer of Confession and Consecration
We Eat and Drink Together
The Lord's Prayer
Prayer of Thanksgiving
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending







# Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

#### **Our Common Practices**

#### We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not. We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.

We create hospitable space for one another.

#### We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...). We nurture our faith.

We attend to relationships that promote growth. We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

#### We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world. We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

#### We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.

We help the vulnerable among us.

We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.



#### LIVING IN HIS PRESENCE:

# Asking For God's Presence

Exodus 33:12-23 (NIV)

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Observations About Moses and God's

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<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

<sup>14</sup> The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

<sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

<sup>19</sup> And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

<sup>21</sup> Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. <sup>22</sup> When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

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