

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Deep River* arr. John Thompson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Our minds are often full of thoughts, distractions, and worries.

Quiet our minds, O God, that we might have space to listen.

Our lips are often quick to speak our opinions and judgments.

Make our lips still, O God, that in our silence we might hear you.

Our hearts are prone to swell with anger and resentment.

Soften our hearts, O God, that we might open them up to receive you.

Let us be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger,

that we might hear what you are speaking to us, and respond with faithful action.

* HYMN 644 "Give Thanks, O Christian People"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we long to be transformed by your healing power.

We hunger for wholeness and thirst for renewal.

Yet, when we are given choices that will help us to grow, we often choose what keeps us stagnant instead.

We choose indulgence rather than restraint,

our comfort zones rather than our neighbor,

judgment rather than compassion,

noise and busyness rather than silent reflection,

more things rather than sacrifice,

and self-reliance rather than trust in you.

Forgive us, O God.

By your spirit, strengthen us to walk the narrow path, that our hunger and thirst might be met in you.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 698 (three times) "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON James 1:19-27

SERMON "Hearing and Doing with Integrity"
Integrity: Second in a series on the Book of James

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967* (9.21, 9.24)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory His Eye Is On the Sparrow Charles H. Gabriel

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

* *Prayer of Dedication*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* HYMN 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* BLESSING RESPONSE

Hymn 700, v. 1 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

POSTLUDE *Simple Gifts* Joseph Brackett

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ's spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today's liturgists: Susan Maveety

Today's greeters: Richard & Judy Green

Today's ushers: Jim & Madelyn Clow

Fellowship: Mary Jo Limbird's Care Group

Our New Director of Music Ministry Starts Today

We are pleased that today Rob Blackwell is joining our staff team! Rob received his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Ohio State University and is currently the Music Director of the Asheville Community Theater and the pianist for Cantaria, Asheville's Gay Men's Chorus. He has also recently served as the pianist at Jubilee Church here in Asheville. Rob is very glad to be joining New Hope's community of faith and would love to meet you.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

No Out-to-Lunch Bunch Today

Due to the picnic at Lake Julian this evening, the Out-to-Lunch Bunch will not be meeting. We encourage everyone to go to the picnic instead.

Summer Picnic at Lake Julian Is Tonight!

Everyone is invited to join us at 5 PM this afternoon for a cook-out and vespers service at Lake Julian. Look for our New Hope group in Shelter #2. The church will provide the burgers and hot dogs—please sign up in the Narthex so that we have an accurate headcount. Please also bring a side dish to share. And, remember to bring your lawn chair for our vespers worship service by the lake!

Take This Bread Book Discussion Is This Tuesday, August 21

Join us at 7 PM this Tuesday, August 21 in the Narthex for this one-evening discussion of *Take This Bread*. We have the books! See the book table in the Narthex or contact Bill Carpenter at (704) 219-1893.

Summer Spirit Food Drive Challenge: 500 Items by Labor Day

We're coming into the final stretch! Just two more weeks to reach our goal of 500 items by Labor Day Sunday. We have already collected over 400 items. Please place your donated food items in the large soup can bin located in the Narthex. Peanut butter is a great item for children in need of nutrition.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, August 26 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, August 22.

Calendar

Sun	19	11:00 AM	Worship
		5:00 PM	Lake Julian Picnic
Mon	20	2:30 PM	Nominating Committee
		5:30 PM	Session
Tues	21	2:00 PM	Faith Formation
		7:00 PM	<i>Take This Bread</i> Book Study
Wed	22	10:00 AM	Justice & Reconciliation
		2:00 PM	New Wineskins Team
		4:30 PM	Stewardship & Finance
Sun	26	11:00 AM	Worship
		5:00 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Mary Jo)

Sermon Series on the Book of James

One of the biggest complaints about the church is that Christians don't always "walk their talk." What Christians say they believe isn't always demonstrated in their actions—judgment is more predominant than mercy and grace, hate more visible than love, and indifference and apathy more prevalent than sacrifice.

As Christians, we ourselves demonstrate that we don't really believe what we say we believe. When times are difficult, our actions reveal that we'd rather take our lives into our own hands than trust the God we profess to be generous. When our faith is tested, our doubts make us vulnerable to the allure of self-sufficiency and material security, and our neighbor becomes our competitor rather than the one we're called to love.

Yet, the Book of James says that God "gives to all generously and ungrudgingly." When we learn to see the world through the lens of God's abundance and really trust in God's generosity toward all, we are set free to risk living what we say we believe. Belief and action come into alignment, like interlocking gears smoothly working together, and there is inward and outward integrity. Beginning this Sunday, join us as we learn life lessons about integrity from the Book of James. Next up:

- August 26: "Impartial Integrity" (James 2:1-13)
- September 2: "Working Integrity" (James 2:14-26)
- September 9: "Speaking with Integrity" (James 3:1-12)
- September 16: "Friendships with Integrity" (James 1:5-8, 3:13-4:8a)
- September 23: "Relating with Integrity" (James 4:10-17)
- September 30: "Economic Integrity" (James 1:9-11, 5:1-6)
- October 7: "Praying with Integrity" (James 5:7-20)

Memory Verse for the Week

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world." (James 1:27)

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We are a welcoming, inclusive faith community, seeking to respond to Christ's call to love and serve, through ministries of compassion and social justice.

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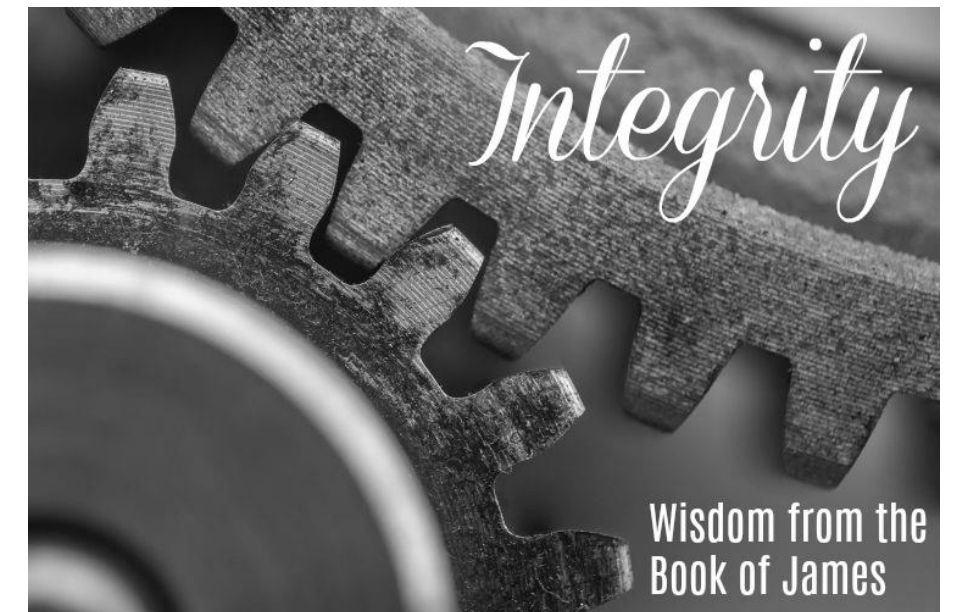
"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 19, 2018
11 o'clock



"Hearing and Doing with Integrity"

Second in a series on the Book of James:



"But be doers of the word,
and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."

James 1:22