

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Come, Come, Ye Saints* arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, so many have lost or are losing their shelter.

We come seeking the Father of Lights, whose mothering love shelters all.

On this day, so many are suffering loss and pain.

We come seeking God’s wisdom, which God gives generously to those who ask.

On this day, we are called to support our sisters and brothers, and to carry their burdens as if they were our own.

We come seeking God’s power, that we might live justly and graciously amid the struggles of this world.

* **HYMN 619** “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you long to give us gifts in abundance.

Yet, we still see the world through the lens of scarcity.

**Believing that what we need is scarce,
we see our neighbor as our rival,
and we are easily enticed by envy.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, help us to trust in your generosity—
that there will be more than enough.**

**Then may we be set free to mirror your joyful generosity in
our own lives, and love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

* 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 Psalm 1

ANTHEM *Lord, Be With Us On This Day* Jay Althouse

Lord, be with us on this day,
And in Thy presence may we evermore adore Thee.
And Lord, be near and show Thy way,
That we may follow in the path You choose.

Lord, be with us on this day,
As with a humble heart we raise our mortal voices.
And Lord, let us not go astray,
For we are ever filled with doubt and with temptation.

Help us, O Lord, to love and understand
All Thy ways both great and small.
Lead us this day, O Lord, we humbly pray
So that we may heed Thy call.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON James 1:5, 17; 3:13-4:10

SERMON “Friendships with Integrity”
Integrity: Sixth in a series on the Book of James

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* **HYMN 829** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Heidelberg Catechism* (Q. 1)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?
**A. That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in
life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* C. Converse

* *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 306**, vv. 1-4 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
Hymn 306, v. 5 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

POSTLUDE *Crown Him With Many Crowns* George J. Elves

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: Peg Lewis
Today’s greeters: Bill & Marlene Johnson
Today’s ushers: Laura Brown and Kim Presley
Fellowship: Joy Lee Eppes’ Care Group

Today is Our September Fellowship Lunch!

Immediately following worship today, join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for sandwiches and salads. Please come even if you haven’t brought anything! A basket for a simple donation will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

September New Members Class Begins Today

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in exploring the possibility of membership here at New Hope? Joining is easy! There are just three steps: (1) attend the fellowship luncheon after church today and a class afterwards until 2:00 PM; (2) have dinner with the Session from 5:30-7:00 PM on Monday, Sept 17; (3) be presented in worship on Sunday, Sept 23. Can't make any of these dates? Make-ups are easy! We are glad to schedule an alternative for what you may need to miss. You can attend the class this Sunday without having decided to join—just come and learn! Contact [Pastor Kim](#) with questions.

Fall Sunday Morning Class Continues

Join us for an in-depth study of Ephesians chapters 4-6, which make up the grand “therefore” of the letter. Given the good news that has been proclaimed to us in chapters 1-3, how are we “therefore” called to live out this good news in our day-to-day lives? Join Pastor Kim on Sundays through October 14 at 9:30 AM in the downstairs classroom. All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study

New Hope has two Women's Bible Study groups that meet monthly, and both groups will begin the Horizons Bible Study *God's Promise: I Am with You* in September. The Alpha group meets the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM at Givens in the room next to the Chapel in Asbury Hall. The Spirituality Group meets the last Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM in a member's home. If you want to join one of these groups, contact Angela Lepro (Alpha group) at 828-505-7972 or Susan Maveety (Spirituality group) at 828-628-0840. We would love to have new members!

CROP Hunger Walk

The Asheville Buncombe CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, September 30 beginning at 2:00 PM. This year's walk is 2.5 miles and will start and end at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The CROP Hunger Walk raises money and awareness for hunger relief, locally and around the world. Over 1,000 communities across the US participate each year. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will support MANNA Food Bank, Loving Food Resources, and ABCCM. The remaining money is used by Church World Services to alleviate hunger and poverty throughout the U.S. and world. Sign up to walk is in the Narthex. Can't walk this year? Participate by writing a check to New Hope and put CROP on the memo line and place in the offering.

Integrity: Sermon Series on the Book of James

One of the biggest complaints about the church is that Christians don't always “walk their talk.” As Christians, we ourselves demonstrate that we don't always 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 God. 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 challenges to live with real integrity, such that our actions reflect the faith we profess. Next up in the series:

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

“Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.” (James 4:8)

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, September 23 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, September 19.

Calendar

Sun	16	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Fellowship Lunch
Mon	17	5:30 PM	Session
Wed	19	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sun	23	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Annette)

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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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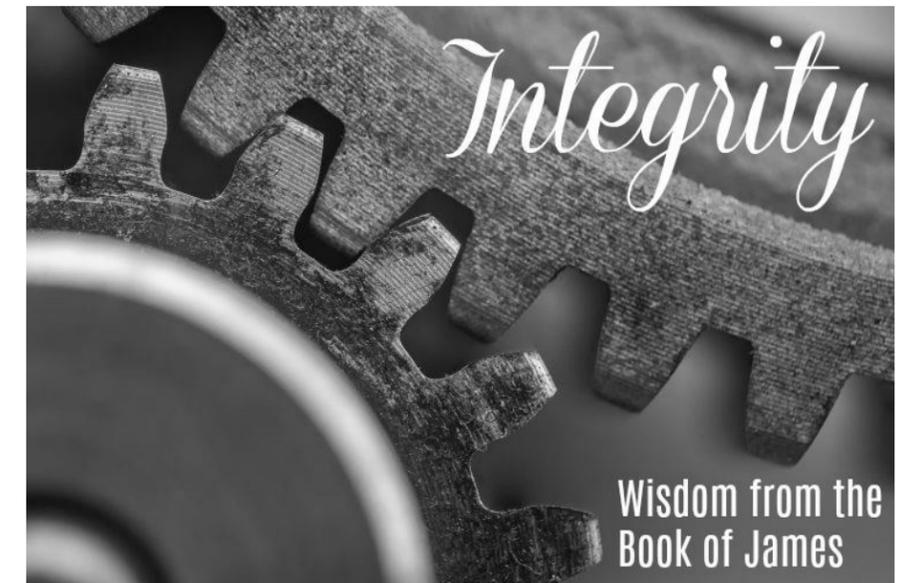
“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 2018
11 o'clock



“Friendships with Integrity”

Sixth in a series on the Book of James:



“Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?”

James 4:4