

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Because God Loves Me* arr. Pedersen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In this space, in this moment, we proclaim that the Holy Spirit's presence is worth more to us than the things of this world.

We lay aside our material comforts and all our excesses.

We proclaim that the value of a human being is more than the value of our property.

We turn away from prioritizing our profits above all, and turn toward lifting up the value of our neighbor.

We proclaim the importance of just systemic relationships, not only of just individual relationships.

We come to worship God holistically, loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

* HYMN 744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess the ways we fall short of your love in all our relationships.

You have sent Christ among us as our peace, but we are a people divided against ourselves, clinging to the values of a broken world.

The profits and pleasures that we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbors, races, and nations against each other.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

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 Psalm 10:1-14

ANTHEM *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* Traditional

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho.
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumblin' down.

You may talk about your man of Gideon
You may talk about your man of Saul.
There's non like good old Joshua at the battle of Jericho.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON James 1:9-11, 5:1-6

SERMON "Economic Integrity"
Integrity: Eighth in a series on the Book of James

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967 (9.32)*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees

the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory *Sure on This Shining Night* Marten Lauridsen

* *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 320, vv. 1-4 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 320, v. 5 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

POSTLUDE *Autumn* Antonio Vivaldi

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: Richard & Judy Green

Today's ushers: Kim Sluder and Tracy Owensby

Fellowship: Joy Lee Eppes' Care Group

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Iannucci's. See Annette Sheffield for more information about today's lunch outing.

Hurricane Florence Assistance

The best way to help those who have suffered from Hurricane Florence is to make a financial contribution to the relief effort. We invite you to give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), which enables congregations to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. Please write your check to New Hope Presbyterian Church with "Florence" on the memo line. Learn more about PDA's work at www.pcusa.org/pda. Thank you for your care and compassion.

Fall Clothing Drive: 500 Items by November 11!

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a fall clothing drive to benefit the crisis ministry of the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM). With cooler weather on its way, there is a great need to replenish ABCCM's clothing stock for Asheville's homeless population. New and clean, gently-used clothing and shoes are needed, with a special emphasis on men's clothing. The drive will begin next Sunday, September 30 and conclude on Dedication Sunday, November 11. Help us bring in 500 clothing items! Thank you for your support.

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 of reconciliation 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.

Men's Bible Study Starts October 16

Bruce Rasmussen, a long-time New Hope member and recent graduate of our presbytery's Certified Pastor training, will be leading a four-week Bible study for men starting on Tuesday, October 16, at 4:00 PM. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to explore Scripture together, share about life experiences, and build deeper relationships in a small group format. For details, please contact Bill Carpenter at (704) 219-1893.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, October 7 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, October 3.

"Sowing Bountifully"

On October 21, we will begin "Sowing Bountifully" so that we might reap bountifully (2 Corinthians 9:6). This is the theme of our fall stewardship season, and we will be kicking it off with a complimentary luncheon after worship. Join us for home-made barbecue, coleslaw, baked beans, and rolls! At the luncheon, we will be talking about giving as an aspect of our discipleship as well as presenting our church's 2019 budget. Look for your invitation in the mail in early October.

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. Coming up next Sunday: "Praying with Integrity" (James 5:7-20).

Calendar

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| Sun | 30 | 11:00 AM | Worship |
| | | 12:30 PM | Out-to-Lunch Bunch (See Annette) |
| Mon | 1 | 4:00 PM | Nominating Committee |
| | | 5:30 PM | Called Session Meeting |
| Tue | 2 | 1:00 PM | Personnel Committee (at Bonnie's home) |
| | | 3:30 PM | Worship Committee |
| Wed | 3 | 4:00 PM | Finance Committee |
| | | 5:00 PM | Outreach Committee |
| | | 7:00 PM | Choir Practice |
| Thurs | 4 | 2:00 PM | New Wineskins |
| Sun | 7 | 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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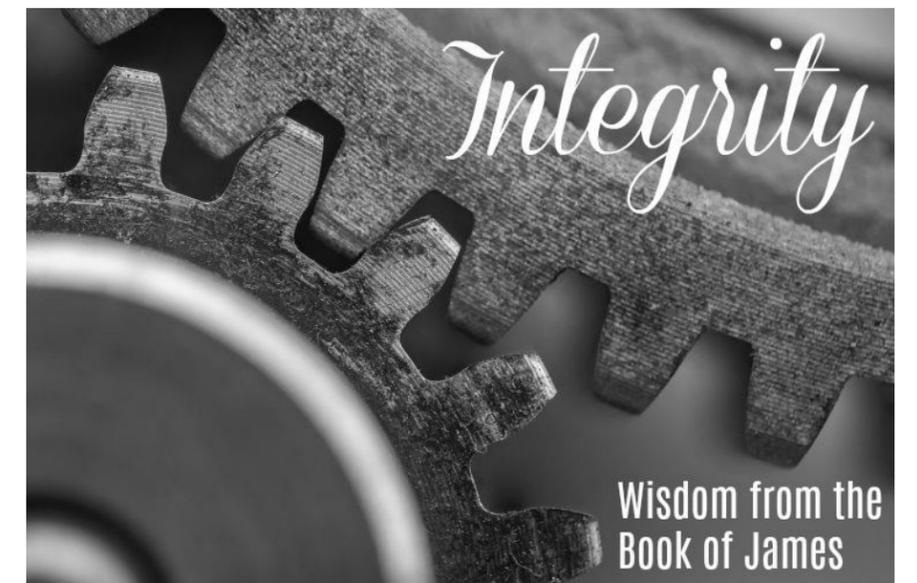
"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 30, 2018
11 o'clock



"Economic Integrity"

Eighth in a series on the Book of James:



"Listen! The wages of your laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts."

James 5:1-6