

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Wondrous Love* arr. Jennifer Fink

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are no strangers to suffering.

**We have suffered in body, mind, and spirit.**

We have experienced suffering in our bodies:

**the pain of injury, disease, weakness, and aging.**

We have experienced suffering in our minds:

**the distress of confusion, the knowledge of injustice,  
the memories of painful events in our past.**

We have experienced suffering in our spirits:

**the experience of alienation, the grief of loneliness,  
the yearning for something more.**

In the midst of our suffering, the Lord is near.

**The Lord is compassionate and merciful, coming soon to  
heal all wounds, and so we strengthen our hearts.**

\* HYMN 393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

### \* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

God of grace, the cry of every heart is known to you.

Your Spirit intercedes for us in our weakness with sighs  
too deep for words.

Yet, when we suffer pain, either in our own lives or

because of what we see in the world, we lose heart.

Relying on our own failing strength, we give up.

Forgive us, O God.

By your Spirit, help us to remember that your presence is  
close and your purposes faithful, that we might be  
strengthened to persevere with joy.

*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 42

ANTHEM *Listen With Your Heart* Brad Nix

Listen with your heart, God is speaking.

Listen with your heart to the music of His Word.

In the quiet of this place, there is mercy, there is grace.

Listen with your heart.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON James 5:7-12

SERMON “Patient Integrity”  
*Integrity: Ninth in a series on the Book of James*

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* HYMN 796 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle’s Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and  
earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was  
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again  
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall  
come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy  
Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the  
life everlasting. Amen.**

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Self-Offering*

Offertory *October Colors* Edward Weiss

\* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

\* *Prayer of Dedication*

## THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Invitation to the Lord’s Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks ...

Let us pray for God’s rule on earth as Jesus taught us, saying:

**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.**

*The Words of Institution*

*The Feast*

735 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

626 “As the Deer”

*Prayer After Communion*

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

\* HYMN 384, vv. 1-3 “Soon and Very Soon”

*During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward with your  
monthly 5-cents-a-meal offering to fight hunger, both here and throughout the  
world. Please place your cash or check in the soup can by the Communion Table.*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 384, v. 4 “Soon and Very Soon”

POSTLUDE *Spring* Antonio Vivaldi

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

**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 liturgist:** Bunk Spann  
**Today's greeters:** Leslie Hillman and Bill Higgins  
**Today's ushers:** Bill & Terri Carpenter  
**Fellowship:** Carole Burnette's Care Group

**Today is World Communion Sunday!** Each year on the first Sunday of October, we celebrate our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, mindful of all who are in Christ. On this day, we are serving Communion to our homebound members here in Asheville, as well as receiving the PC (USA)'s Peace & Global Witness Offering on behalf of those around the world.

**Today's Offering: Peace & Global Witness**

This Sunday we will collect one of our denomination's four annual special offerings: the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Seventy-five percent of this offering will go to PC (USA) peacemaking ministries at the national level, and twenty-five percent will remain with us for the peacemaking ministry of our choice. Learn more about this offering at [specialofferings.pcusa.org/peace-global.html](http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/peace-global.html). Please mark the memo line of your check with "Peace." Thank you for your generosity.

**Out-to-Lunch Bunch**

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Copper River Grill. See Mary Jo Limbird for more information about today's lunch outing.

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, October 14 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, October 10.

**Our Fall Clean Up Day** will take place on Saturday, October 13, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We will be doing clean-up of all kinds around the church building and grounds. Join us as we exercise good stewardship of our land and place of worship! If it's raining, October 20 will be our make-up date. Thank you for your help.

**Men's Brunch Bunch** will meet at 12:30 PM this Saturday, October 13 at J.K's on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to meet, eat, and enjoy fellowship! Contact Bunk Spann at (828) 277-4040.

**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.

**Stewardship Season 2018: "Sowing Bountifully"**

On October 21, we will begin "Sowing Bountifully" so that we might reap bountifully (2 Corinthians 9:6). We will be kicking off our fall stewardship season with a complimentary luncheon after worship. Join us for barbecue, coleslaw, baked beans, and rolls! 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 this week.

**Fall Sunday Morning Class Continues: "Therefore"**

Join Pastor Kim at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings for a study of Ephesians. Given the good news of reconciliation that has been proclaimed to us, how are we "therefore" called to *live* this good news?

**Integrity: Sermon Series on the Book of James**

Next Sunday will be the last Sunday of our fall series on James. Join us in worship for "Praying with Integrity" (James 5:13-20).

**Calendar**

Sun	7	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Mary Jo)
Tues	9	2:00 PM	Faith Formation
Wed	10	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sat	13	9:00 AM	Fall Clean-Up
		12:30 PM	Men's Brunch Bunch
Sun	14	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Annette)

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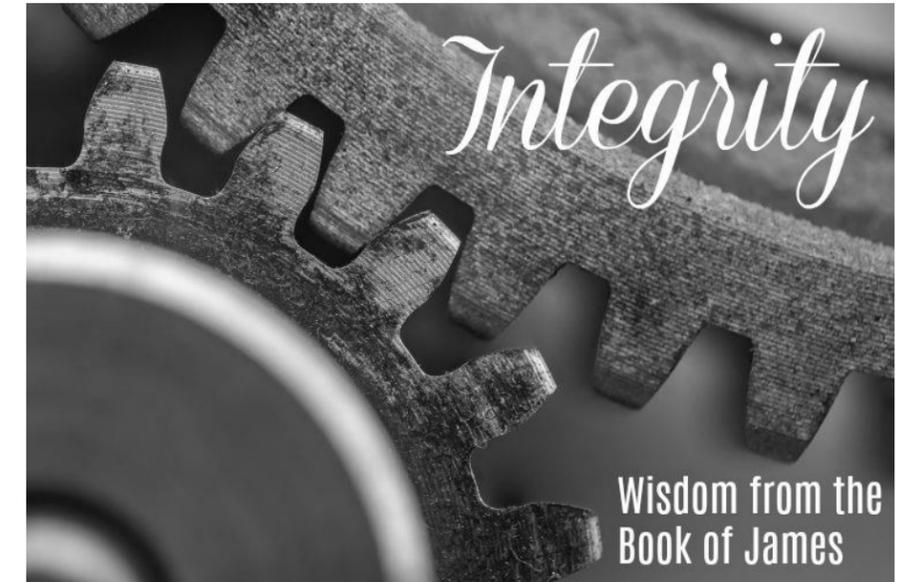
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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 7, 2018  
11 o'clock



*"Praying with Integrity"*  
Ninth in a series on the Book of James:



"Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord."  
James 5:7