

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* arr. Fabrizio Ferrari

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

“I will pour out my spirit on all flesh,” God said.

**God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us.**

Our hearts are sown with the breath of God, with the sighs of the Spirit, with the fullness of God’s healing power.

**God has sown God’s own life into us.**

The Spirit is growing a harvest of wholeness in us, calling forth an abundant yield, a bounty of holy love.

**God has sown bountifully in us, that the outpouring of our own lives might also be bountiful.**

\* HYMN 403 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

### \* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Generous God, you do not withhold even your own life from us.**

**Yet, we clutch at our money and possessions as if there will never be enough.**

**We often don’t sow what we have, for fear of letting go and of risking getting nothing in return.**

**Forgive us, O God, for seeing the world you have entrusted to us through the lens of scarcity, and for resorting to fending for ourselves.**

**By your Spirit, open our eyes to your ever-increasing abundance, and sow generosity in us, that we might overflow with a joyful desire to share your good gifts.**

*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 65:9-13

ANTHEM *They Shall Soar* Valerie Harris

They that wait upon the Lord, that follow all His teachings, shall find in Him their peace.

They that serve Him all their days, and let their light so shine, keeping covenants they have made, shall soar on eagles’ wings.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:1-12

SERMON “Sowing for the Harvest”  
*Sowing Bountifully: First in a Series on Generosity*

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* HYMN 714 “God of the Fertile Fields”

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Westminster Shorter Catechism* (Q. 1)

Q. What is the chief end of humankind?

**A. The chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Moment for Stewardship* Ruth Young

*Offertory* *Returning* George Winston

\* *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 36 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *In the Wind* Vince Guaraldi

## 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 liturgist:** Margot Coleman

**Today’s greeters:** Bill & Marlene Johnson

**Today’s ushers:** Kim Sluder & Tracy Owensby

**Fellowship:** Carole Burnette’s Care Group

### “Sowing Bountifully” Luncheon Today after Worship

You are cordially invited to a special BBQ luncheon today, immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will feed you well with homemade North Carolina barbecue, coleslaw, baked beans, and fresh rolls! You do not need to bring anything, and the meal is free. This is a very important meeting for everyone who loves New Hope, and we encourage you to make every effort to attend. At the luncheon, we will be kicking off our fall stewardship season, “Sowing Bountifully.” We will be celebrating the new growth we are experiencing, discussing some important financial matters, and presenting the 2019 budget. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and understand more deeply the needs and opportunities of this beloved faith community. Join us!

### “Sowing Bountifully” Theme Hymn

The “theme hymn” for our stewardship season this fall will be number 36 in our Glory to God hymnal: “For the Fruit of All Creation.”

Originally simply called “Harvest Hymn,” the text addresses not only the harvest but also stewardship, thanksgiving, God’s gifts to us, and generosity. We will be singing it each Sunday for the next month.

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**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

### “Sowing Bountifully” Speakers

What is the benefit of sowing bountifully at New Hope? This season, members of our church will be sharing in worship about what New Hope means to them. We thank Ruth Young for being today’s speaker.

### Men’s Bible Study Continues

Bruce Rasmussen, a long-time New Hope member and recent graduate of our presbytery’s Certified Pastor training, is leading this Bible study for men on Tuesdays 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

**Men’s Brunch Bunch** will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, October 27 at J.K’s on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to meet, eat, and enjoy fellowship! Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

### Fall Sunday Morning Class Continues: “Therefore ...”

Join Pastor Kim at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings in October 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 in our daily lives? All are welcome! We meet in the downstairs classroom (Room 104).

### Fall Clothing Drive: 500 Items by Sunday, November 11!

We have already collected 430 items! The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a fall clothing drive to benefit the crisis ministry of Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM). Our goal is to collect 500 items by Dedication Sunday, November 11, and we’ll keep collecting if we reach that amount early. 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. Thanks for your support.

### MANNA Food Bank

Did you know that we have a group that serves monthly at MANNA Food Bank? Come join our New Hope volunteer team on the second Tuesday of every month from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities getting food ready for those who need it. You can join us just one time, on a regular monthly basis, or whenever you can. Questions? Contact leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

### “Sowing Bountifully”: Stewardship Sermon Series on Generosity

We all love enjoying an abundant return on our investments. However, making an investment to begin with can give us more pause, regardless of whether we are investing money, time, or our hearts into something. What will happen if I take a risk? Will I have enough in the meantime? Will my investment really yield a worthwhile return? To all these questions, the apostle Paul says, “The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully” (2 Corinthians 9:6). Join us this stewardship season as we explore the challenge and the joy of sowing bountifully.

October 21: “Sowing for the Harvest” (2 Corinthians 9:1-12)

October 28: “Sowing for the Sake of Others” (2 Corinthians 8:1-15)

November 4: “Sowing for What Is Yet to Be” (1 Corinthians 15:35-58)

November 11: “Sowing Is for the Birds” (Mark 4:30-32)

### Dedication Sunday Is November 11

We will be dedicating our 2019 pledges to God in worship on Sunday, November 11. Join us as we look forward to sowing bountifully together.

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, October 28 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, October 24. Erin will be out of the office on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23-24.

### Calendar

Sun	21	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:15 PM	“Sowing Bountifully” Luncheon
Tue	23	2:30 PM	Faith Formation
		4:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study
Wed	24	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	25	2:00 PM	Spirituality Circle
Sat	27	10:30 AM	Men’s Brunch Bunch
Sun	28	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (See Annette)

### New Hope Presbyterian Church

*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”

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
October 21, 2018  
11 o’clock



*“Sowing for the Harvest”*

First in a Series on Generosity:



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