

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Spring Creek* George Winston

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come here in our need to encounter the God of abundance.

**For our sake, Christ, who was rich, became poor,
so that we, in our poverty, might become rich.**

We come here in comfort to remember those who are suffering.

**For their sake, may we, the body of Christ, become poor,
so that they, in their suffering, might know comfort.**

We come here seeking reconciliation—my abundance for your need, and your abundance for my need.

**For my sake and your sake, we gather to worship the living
God, who makes us all excel in generosity.**

* HYMN 624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are so fearful these days.

We encounter anger, hatred, and hostility in the world,
and we feel as though we are about to drown in it.

We experience our own financial stresses,
and we see others crushed by economic disparity.

We want to place our trust in you, but so many times,
when we have trusted others, we have been let down.

Help us to trust in your grace and love.

Forgive us for acting out of fear, and heal us of our divisions.

Open our hearts to receive your mercy,
and help us to open ourselves to “the other.”

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 15:7-8, 10-11

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 7-15

SERMON “Sowing for the Sake of the Other”
Sowing Bountifully: Second in a Series on Generosity

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:6-11

We believe in Jesus Christ, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Moment for Stewardship Janet, Woody, and Austin Ferrell

Offertory Precious Lord, Take My Hand Dorsey

* *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 *Oh Happy Day* Edwin Hawkins

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: Jay Maveety

Today’s greeters: Richard and Judy Green

Today’s ushers: Bill Higgins and Glenn Limbird

Fellowship: Carole Burnette’s Care Group

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

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

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

“Sowing Bountifully” Theme Hymn

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

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

Group Outreach Activity at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore

On Wednesday, November 14, join us for an afternoon of volunteering and fun at the Habitat ReStore from 2:00-4:00 PM. We will be assembling and decorating artificial Christmas trees that will be sold to generate funds for Habitat for Humanity. This is a team activity that we can do together and enjoy each other’s company while also working for a great cause. Sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Susan Maveety at (828) 768-5475 or maveety@charter.net.

New Fall Clothing Drive Goal: 1,000 Items by November 11

We have already collected 570 items! Since we have surpassed our original goal of 500 halfway through the drive, we have now doubled our goal. With cooler weather on its way, there is a great need to replenish the clothing stock at Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM). New and clean, gently-used clothing and shoes are needed, with a special emphasis on men’s clothing and winter items such as warm hats and gloves. 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.

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)

“Sowing Bountifully” Speakers

Why sow bountifully at New Hope? Members of our church will be sharing in worship about what New Hope means to them. We thank Janet, Woody, and Austin Ferrell for being today’s speakers.

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, November 4 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, October 31.

Calendar

Sun	28	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (See Annette)
Tue	30	4:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study
Wed	31	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	1	2:00 PM	New Wineskins
Sun	4	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:15 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (See Marlene)

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“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 2018

11 o’clock



“Sowing for the Sake of the Other”

Second in a Series on Generosity:



“For you know the generous act of the Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.” 2 Corinthians 8:9