

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Hymne* Vangelis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The autumn leaves turn red, orange, yellow, and brown.

The leaves fall to the ground, and we recognize their different shapes: oak, maple, black walnut.

In this season of waning and dying, the trees let their seeds fall, each seed according to its tree.

Some are contained in nutshells, others in papery wings, others enfleshed in berries or fruits, still others enclosed in pinecones.

In the autumn of human life, we wane and prepare to die.

Our bodies fall and are sown in the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The life yet to be is a mystery: in continuity with the seed, as acorn is to oak—

and yet, transformed.

* HYMN 667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in Christ you have conquered death itself.

You have promised that when our lives are sown in death, a new life will one day rise with Christ.

Yet, in the face of the power of death, we have trouble trusting that promise.

Our grief is heavy and our fear palpable, and we are tempted to welcome in despair.

Forgive us, O God.

By your Spirit, help us to trust your promise and power, so that, though we cannot see what is yet to be, we might wait for it in peace.

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 Isaiah 55:10-13

ANTHEM *Into the West* Annie Lennox
Katie Stevens, Soloist

Lay down your sweet and weary head
Night is falling, you’ve come to journey’s end
Sleep now, and dream of the ones who came before
They are calling from across the distant shore

Why do you weep? What are these tears upon your face?
Soon you will see, all of your fears will pass away
Safe in my arms, you’re only sleeping

What can you see on the horizon? Why do the white gulls call?
Across the sea a pale moon rises
The ships have come to carry you home
And all will turn to silver glass, a light on the water, all souls pass

Hope fades into the world of night
Through shadows falling out of memory and time
Don’t say, “We have come now to the end”
White shores are calling, you and I will meet again
And you’ll be here in my arms, just sleeping

Chorus ... grey ships pass into the West

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:35-44, 50-58

SERMON “Sowing for What Is Yet to Be”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

* 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

Moment for Stewardship Mike and Susan Garrett

Offertory For the Beauty of the Earth William Dix

* *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

531 “Seed, Scattered and Sown”

532 “Sheaves of Wheat”

Prayer After Communion

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* **HYMN 36** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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**

POSTLUDE *We're Marching to Zion* Robert Lowry

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: Peggy Olney

Today's greeters: Herschel & Linda Lewis

Today's ushers: Bill & Marlene Johnson

Fellowship: Carole Burnette's Care Group

Remembering the Saints: Today we give thanks for the following New Hope members who have died in the last year: Everett Smith, Maria Young, Roberta Robertson, Sara Dixon, and Joyce Bain. Submitted names of other loved ones will also be read in worship.

November Sunday Morning Class: Civility in an Uncivil World

Are you weary of the hatred and hostility in the public arena? This election season, join Pastor Kim on Sunday mornings in November for an exploration of what it means to be "counter-cultural Christians" by acting with civility in an uncivil world. All are welcome.

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 Marlene Johnson for more information about today's lunch outing.

"Sowing Bountifully": Dedication Sunday Is Next Sunday!

Next Sunday, November 11, we will be dedicating our 2019 pledges to God in worship. So, we invite you to submit your pledge card on or before next Sunday. If you have not received a pledge card in the mail or by email, you may pick one up from the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

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

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday, November 11

Immediately following the worship service next Sunday, we will be having a brief congregational meeting in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing next year's officers. Members are encouraged to attend.

Fall Clothing Drive Continues until Next Sunday, November 11

We have surpassed our goal, but we are still receiving donations of new and clean, gently-used clothing and shoes, with a special emphasis on men's clothing and winter items such as warm hats and gloves.

Group Activity at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Join us on Wednesday, November 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Habitat ReStore. We will be assembling donated artificial Christmas trees which will later be resold. We will also be sorting Christmas decorations. Questions? Contact Susan Maveety at (828) 768-5475.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, November 11 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, November 7.

Calendar

Sun	4	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)
Tues	6	4:00 PM	Men's Bible Study
		6:00 PM	Building and Grounds Committee
Wed	7	5:00 PM	Outreach Committee
		5:30 PM	Worship Committee
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	8	6:30 PM	Justice & Reconciliation Meeting
Sat	10	10:30 PM	Men's Brunch Bunch
Sun	11	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)

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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"

All Saints' Sunday

November 4, 2018

11 o'clock



"Sowing for What Is Yet to Be"

Third in a Series on Generosity:



"What you sow does not come to life unless it dies ...
What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable."

1 Corinthians 15:36, 42