

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *To God Be the Glory* William H. Doane

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Song of Solomon 3:1b-4

I sought him whom my soul loves;
I sought him, but found him not;
I called him, but he gave no answer.

**“I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.”**

I sought him, but found him not.
The sentinels found me, as they went about in the city.
“Have you seen him whom my soul loves?”

**Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go.**

*** HYMN 629** “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

*** CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, our lives are anchored by your forgiveness,
not by your yardstick.**

**Yet, as our walk with you matures, we can forget that our
growth emerges from your grace, not from our
righteousness.**

**How quickly we pull out our own yardstick and start
measuring others with it!**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, remind us of the depth of your mercy
toward us.**

**Then may our love for you deepen,
and our compassion toward others grow.**

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 2 Samuel 11:26-12:15, *p. 248-249 (OT)*

ANTHEM *Simple Gifts* Joseph Brackett

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free
‘Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come ‘round right.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 7:36-50, *p. 840 (NT)*

SERMON “Luke’s Valentine”
Through the “Luke”-ing Glass: Seeing Jesus Through Luke’s Eyes

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*** HYMN 799** (two times) “I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Confession of 1967* (9.21, 9.22)

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in
the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become
personal crisis and present hope for women and men when
the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience,
the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to
respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates
the new life in Christ.**

**The new life takes shape in a community in which people
know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what
they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God’s grace.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory *Bouree in E Minor* J.S. Bach

* *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 802**, vv. 1-5 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*** BLESSING RESPONSE**

Hymn 802, v. 6 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

POSTLUDE *Like A River Glorious* James Mountain

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: Janet, Woody & Austin Ferrell

Today’s ushers: Kim Presley

Fellowship: Mary Jo Limbird’s Care Group

Today is our “All About Chili” Fellowship Luncheon

Think you make the best chili around? Immediately following worship it’s all about chili. A variety of chili toppings will be provided. Don’t like chili? Come anyway and join the fun.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

New Members Class Today after Worship

Interested in exploring the possibility of membership here at New Hope? There are just three simple steps: (1) attend one class from 12:30-2:00 PM today (includes luncheon), (2) have dinner with the Session from 5:30-6:30 PM on Monday, February 18, and (3) be presented in worship on Sunday, February 24. Can't make any of these dates? Make-ups are easy! We are glad to schedule an alternative date for whatever you might need to miss. And, you can attend the class without having decided to join. Contact Pastor Kim.

“This Chair Rocks” Extended

There is an incessant barrage of messages that consigns the “no longer young” to the margins of society. Older adults internalize these messages and can contribute to their own disenfranchisement. Join Peg Lewis at 9:30 AM for one more class next Sunday, February 24, in the downstairs classroom (Room 104). We will continue exploring what ageism is and what its impact is on people of all ages. The conversation is based on the book *This Chair Rocks* by Ashton Applewhite, but class participants do not need to read the book. Leader Peg Lewis is a certified gerontological counselor and has a Masters in Theology.

MANNA Food Bank

Come join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on Tuesday, March, 12, 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 team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Love to Walk in God's Creation?

We are currently organizing a hiking group at New Hope and would like to see just what kind of interest we might have. Do you like to walk an hour in the Arboretum? Is a half day on a mountain trail with elevation more your thing? Have you hiked all the way to Maine with a 50 pound pack and another hiker on your back? Depending on interest and skill levels, we hope to have a couple of groups on the trail by Spring. Come join us! Contact Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com or (704) 219-1893.

Volunteers needed to fold bulletins Friday mornings!

We are looking for some eager volunteers to help out every Friday morning to fold bulletins. As an added bonus, volunteers will get to visit with our Church Administrator, Erin! To volunteer, call or email Erin May at (828) 274-0191 or officenewhope@gmail.com.

Calendar

Sun	17	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	New Member Class & Luncheon
Mon	18	5:30 PM	Session
Wed	20	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	24	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom Fife)

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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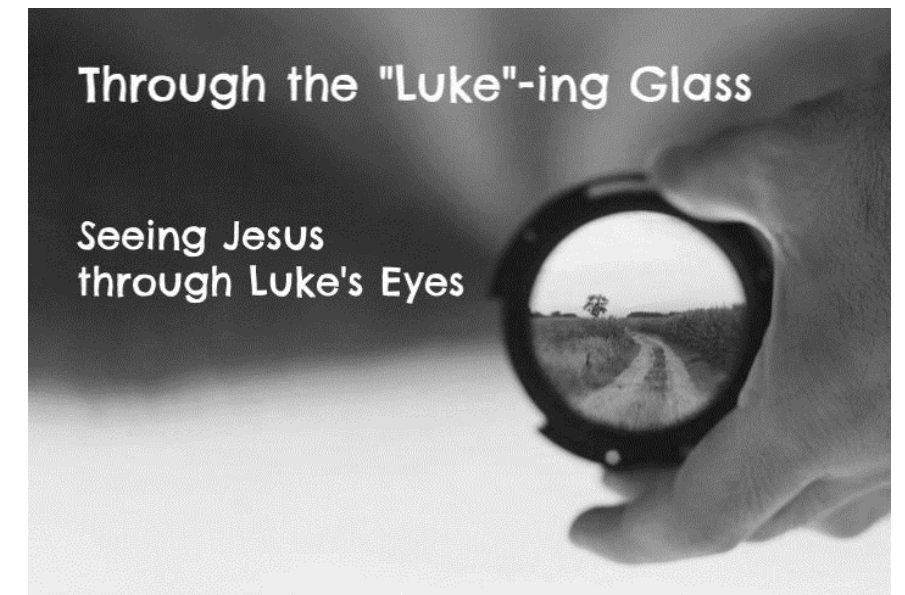
“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 17, 2019
11 o'clock



“Luke's Valentine”

Sixth in the Series:



“Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.”

Luke 7:47-48