

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Tocatta and Prelude in D Minor* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus heals our inner lives,
**soothing old wounds,
driving out the things that haunt us,
making whole what has been broken.**

Jesus transforms our outer lives,
**freeing us from self-absorption,
calling forth our generosity,
inspiring our self-giving love.**

Jesus creates a new community,
**woman and man,
called and calling,
claimed and proclaiming the kingdom of God.**

* HYMN 410 “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, you call us to a new community,
where opponents are reconciled,
the status quo is overturned,
the outcast are restored,
and the empty overflow.**

**Yet, we often prefer the old order of things:
our familiar privileges,
our familiar homogeneity,
our familiar comfort zones ...
and we remain stagnant.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, restore our hearts and renew our vision,
that we might follow Jesus 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 Judges 4:4-5, p. 192 (OT)

ANTHEM *Peace Like a River* arr. Donald Moore

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.
In my heart is playing a sweet melody,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a river in my soul.
In my heart is ringing a sweet melody,
I’ve got joy like a river in my soul.

I’ve got love like a river in my soul.
In my heart is singing a sweet melody,
I’ve got love (joy, peace) like a river in my soul.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 8:1-3, p. 840 (NT)

SERMON “The Marks of Membership”
Through the “Luke”-ing Glass: Seeing Jesus Through Luke’s Eyes

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (11.1, 11.4)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune
God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and
serve ...**

**... We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver
and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through
faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and
neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the
one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who
inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life**

**in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word
proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls
women and men to all ministries of the church. In a
broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to
pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to
Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church
and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In
gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to
serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful
lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new
earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory In the Garden C. Austin Miles

* *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 298, vv. 1-4 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymn 298, v. 5

POSTLUDE *March in D Major* George Frideric Handel

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.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Today's liturgist: Janet Black
Today's greeters: Bill & Marlene Johnson
Today's ushers: Jay & Susan Maveety
Fellowship: Mary Jo Limbird's Care Group

Today we welcome our February New Members Class! See the insert on Beth Doty, Virginia Hebert, John and Barbara Kenny, Russ and Jean Moxley, Rob Renegar, Anita Rice, and Beverly Robinson.

Out to Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out to Lunch Bunch after worship today for an outing to Tupelo Honey. We'd love to have you join us for this time of table fellowship and sharing. Please see Tom Fife.

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, March 2 at J.K's on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship. Questions? Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

Next Sunday's Class: "From Pancakes to Ashes"

What's that dirt on your forehead? And why are you telling me I'm returning to dust? Join Pastor Kim at 9:30 AM next Sunday, March 3, for an exploration of what Ash Wednesday is. We will look at its scriptural basis, its meaning in theological perspective, and its application in personal spirituality and practice, deepening our understanding of our dependence on God in both life and death.

Lenten Class: "Vincent Van Gogh: Theologian with a Brush"

Beginning March 10 (two Sundays from today), adults and youth are invited to participate in a five-week Sunday morning class at 9:30 AM during Lent. Charles Davidson will lead us in an experiential encounter with Vincent van Gogh as we examine together the profoundly theological and spiritual dimensions of his life and art. Through some of his most evocative paintings, as well as in his own words, Vincent will speak to us of our life in Christ. A retired Presbyterian pastor and pastoral counselor, Charles was the Darrel Rollins Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling at Virginia University of Lynchburg. He is the author of *Bone Dead, and Rising: Vincent van Gogh and the Self Before God* (Cascade Books).

Lenten Small Group Study: "Entering the Passion of Jesus"

Join us at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays, March 12 through April 16, for a six-week small group study of *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, by Amy Jill-Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Peg Lewis will

facilitate this group as we deepen our understanding of the great risks Jesus took during his final days. As we learn about his story through book study, video, and discussion, we will be invited to consider the risks that God might be calling us to take. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and note if you would like us to purchase you a book. Contact Peg Lewis at (828) 702-0161 or lewpeg3@gmail.com.

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 on your back? Depending on interest and skill levels, we hope to have a couple of groups on the trail by spring. Contact Bill Carpenter at (704) 219-1893 or billcarpenter53@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed to fold bulletins on Friday mornings

We are looking for some eager volunteers to help out every Friday morning to fold bulletins. To volunteer, call or email Erin May at (828) 274-0191 or officenewhope@gmail.com.

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). Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Calendar

Sun	24	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom Fife)
Wed	27	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	3	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)

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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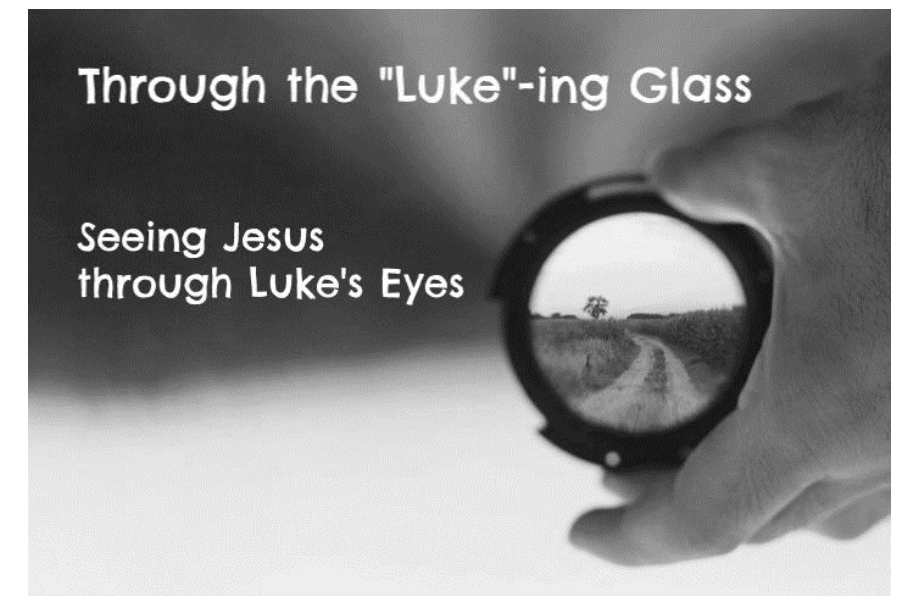
"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
 February 24, 2019
 11 o'clock



"The Marks of Membership"

Seventh in the Series:



"The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources."

Luke 8:1-3