

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *A Heart in the Clouds* Wayne Gratz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We go through the motions of our daily routines,
walking the flat valley of the ordinary.

**The familiar has made the valley floor dull,
the colors muted, the flavors bland.**

But once in a while an invisible veil parts,
like a curtain blown back by a momentary breeze.

**Through it we see what has been hidden from view,
a glimpse of glory.**

Jesus summons us through the veil,
from the valley to the mountaintop,
from the ordinary to the glorious.

**Jesus sends us from the mountain to the valley,
with eyes to see the glory in the ordinary.**

* HYMN 193 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus, we long for you to take us to the mountaintop,
just like you took Peter and John and James.**

We want to see your glory and hear the voice of God.

Yet, sometimes your revelation is too startling for us.

**The familiar, the expected, and the ordinary are much
more comfortable for us, and require much less of us.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

**By the power of the Spirit, help us to open ourselves to
what is startling but also transforming,
as you change us from one degree of glory to another.**

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 Exodus 34:29-35, p. 71-72 (OT)

ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine* Traditional

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine (3 times)

Let it shine, shine, shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine ...

Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine ...

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:28-36, p. 843 (NT)

SERMON “The Road to Glory”
Through the “Luke”-ing Glass: Seeing Jesus Through Luke’s Eyes

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 662 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

* 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

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. Greg Howlett

* *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

527 “Eat This Bread”

227 “Jesus, Remember Me”

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* HYMN 517 “Here, O Our Lord, We See You”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *When the Saints Go Marching In* Traditional

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 Higgins and Glenn Limbird

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Out to Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out to Lunch Bunch after worship today for an outing to Copper River Grill. We'd love to have you join us for this time of table fellowship and sharing. Please see John Riley.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Join us in the Sanctuary at 6:00 PM this Wednesday, March 6 for a liturgy of scripture readings, prayer, song, and the imposition of ashes.

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

Beginning next Sunday, March 10, 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.

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 and 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.

Lectio Divina Group Resumes for Lent

Beginning March 12, join us at 5:45 PM on Tuesdays in the Sanctuary for an hour of contemplative reflection on Scripture and group spiritual direction. Meaning "spiritual reading" in Latin, *lectio divina* is a simple, facilitated group process that invites participants to reflect on how God is speaking to them personally through selected scripture readings, visuals, and times of silence. Contact Pastor Kim to sign up.

St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Luncheon

This month's fellowship luncheon is coming up on Sunday, March 17, immediately following worship. The theme is St. Patrick's Day! All are invited to bring an Irish side or dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet in

the Narthex. The church will provide corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie, and other Irish entrees, as well as a vegetarian option.

Love to Walk in God's Creation?

We are currently organizing some hiking groups at New Hope and hope to have folks on the trail by spring. We will have a few different groups to accommodate a range of interest and skill levels, and we'd love for you to join us. Interested? Contact Bill Carpenter, Elder for Fun, at (704) 219-1893 or billcarpenter53@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed to fold bulletins on Friday mornings

We are looking for two more volunteers to help fold bulletins on Friday mornings. Contact 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.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, March 10 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, March 6.

Calendar

Sun	3	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)
Tue	5	4:30 PM	Worship Committee
		6:00 PM	Building & Grounds Committee
Wed	6	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	10	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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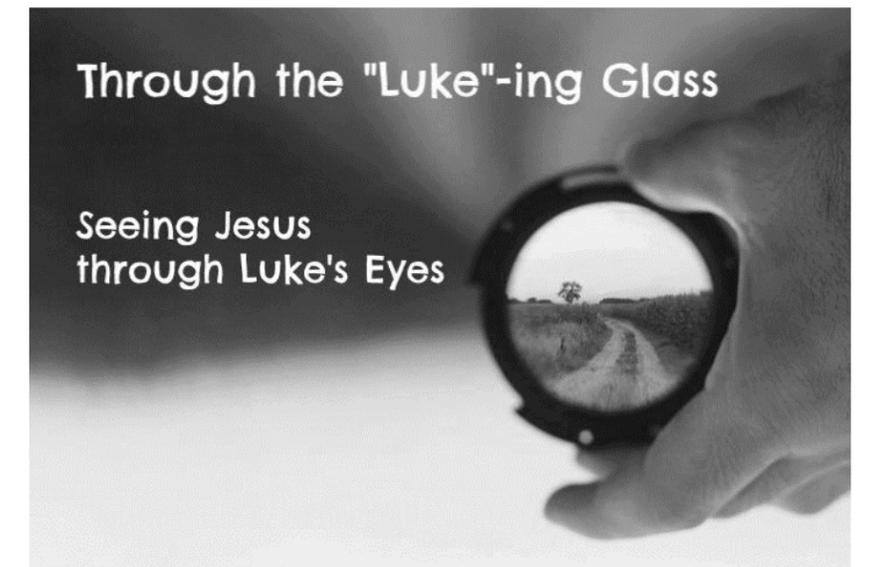
"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Transfiguration Sunday
March 3, 2019
11 o'clock



"The Road to Glory"

Last in the Series:



"And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white." (Luke 9:29)