

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The Promise of Spring* Edward Weiss

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

\* CALL TO WORSHIP based on Hosea 6:3; John 7:38, 8:12

God comes to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.

**God's appearance is as certain as the dawn,  
like sunlight's morning rays after the long night.**

God comes to us like living waters,  
like rivers that overflow and quench our thirst.

**God comes to us in Jesus Christ, saying,  
"I am the light of the world ...  
Whoever follows me will have the light of life."**

\* HYMN 664 "Morning Has Broken"

\* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**God of abundance, you give us the beauty of the earth:  
spring's flowers, summer's greenery,  
autumn's bounty, winter's rest.**

**Yet, in the midst of your abundance,  
we are seduced by our desire for accumulation.**

**We fill our cupboards and closets, our minds and bodies,  
our basements and attics, and still we feel empty.**

**We worry about whether we have enough,  
but we sense that our treasures won't really fulfill us.**

**We have a persistent craving that always seems hungry,  
but we feed it with empty calories.**

**Forgive us O God.**

**By your Spirit, let us not be possessed by our possessions.**

**Turn our hearts toward you, that our desire might be met  
by what can truly fulfill it.**

*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 Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14, 2:18-23  
*p. 536-537 (OT)*

ANTHEM Turn! Turn! Turn! Pete Seeger

*Refrain:* To everything (turn, turn, turn)

There is a season (turn, turn, turn)

And a time to every purpose, under heaven

A time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to reap

A time to kill, a time to heal, a time to laugh, a time to weep

A time to build up, a time to break down

A time to dance, a time to mourn

A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together

A time of love, a time of hate, a time of war, a time of peace

A time you may embrace, a time to refrain from embracing

A time to gain, a time to lose, time to rend, a time to sew

A time for love, a time for hate,

A time for peace, I swear it's not too late

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 12:13-21, *p. 847 (NT)*

SERMON "Turning from Riches to Relationships"  
*"You-Turns" on the Road: Following Jesus to Jerusalem*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Westminster Shorter Catechism (Q. 1)*

Q. What is the chief end of humankind?

**A. The chief end of humankind is to glorify God and to  
enjoy God forever.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Self-Offering*

Offertory *Forest Morning* Edward Weiss

\* *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 450 "Be Thou My Vision"

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Gail Smith

## 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:** Laura Brown

**Today's greeters:** Leslie Hillman and Bill Higgins

**Today's ushers:** Jim & Madelyn Clow

## The Westminster Standards

The Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms were completed in 1647 by the Westminster Assembly in England. Though not ultimately adopted in England, the Westminster Standards were adopted by the Scottish General Assembly and were later brought to New England by the Puritans and to the mid-Atlantic states by the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. In the PC(USA)'s *Book of Confessions*, the Westminster Standards represent the classic Reformed theology and teaching of the Reformation era and were not replaced until the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when *The Confession of 1967* was adopted. Question 1 from the Shorter Catechism (our Affirmation of Faith today) still resounds through the centuries and reminds us that the whole point of our lives is to enjoy God!

---

**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

### St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Luncheon Is Today

Join us immediately following worship today for our St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Luncheon! The church is providing corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie, other Irish entrees, and a vegetarian option.

### Lenten Sermon Series: "You-Turns" on the Road

This Lenten season we are journeying toward Easter in the footsteps of Jesus, who, after his initial ministry in Galilee, resolutely "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). This verse begins Luke's "travel narrative," which tells the story of Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, where the events of his passion will soon take place. Along the road to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches those he encounters about the ways their lives must "turn around" if they want to be his followers. This Lenten season, as we too follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, we will explore the "you-turns" that Jesus is calling us to make as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

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

On Sunday mornings through April 7, adults and youth alike are invited to participate in a Lenten class series at 9:30 AM downstairs in the AA Room (room 105 at the end of the hall). Charles Davidson will lead us in an experiential encounter with Vincent van Gogh and his paintings 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 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 that Jesus took during his final days and consider the risks that God might be calling us to take. We meet in the downstairs classroom. Reading assignment for this Tuesday: chapter two. Questions? Contact Peg Lewis at (828) 702-0161 or lewpeg3@gmail.com.

### Lectio Divina & Group Spiritual Direction

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.

### Fall Trip to Guatemala

We are planning a New Hope trip to Guatemala in November! The trip will focus on learning about the different aspects of our Presbytery's Guatemala Partnership and on relationship-building with our sister church, El Divino Salvador. Interested in learning more? Join us for an Information Meeting at 7 PM on Monday, March 25, at the church. Contact Susan Maveety at maveety@charter.net or (828) 768-5475.

### Volunteers Needed for Fellowship Time

Thanks to those who have already volunteered to take a turn making and serving coffee at our fellowship time after worship. The good news is there are many more opportunities for those who have not yet signed up! Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we can keep this wonderful New Hope tradition going. It only takes a few minutes to do, instructions are included, and YOU get to be servant hero for a day! Questions? Carol Burnette (828) 674-0609 or Bill Carpenter (704) 219-1893.

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, March 24 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, March 20.

### Calendar

Sun	17	12:00 PM	St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Luncheon
Mon	18	5:30 PM	Session
Tues	19	5:45 PM	Lectio Divina
		7:00 PM	Lenten Small Group Book Study
Wed	20	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	24	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 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.*

3070 Sweeten Creek Road, Asheville, NC 28803 | (828) 274-0191  
Kim Wells, Pastor | Erin May, Church Administrator  
Rob Blackwell, Director of Music Ministry/Pianist  
Ken Meeks, Parish Associate | www.newhopepcusaasheville.org

## New Hope Presbyterian Church

"Including, Renewing, Serving"

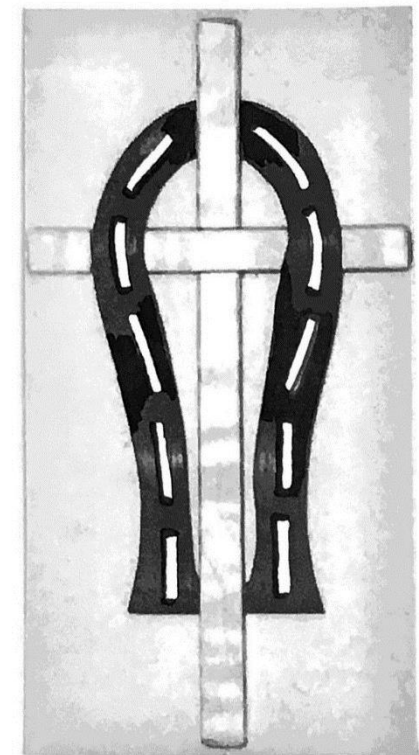
Second Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 2019  
11 o'clock



### "Turning from Riches to Relationships"

Second in the Series:

### "You-Turns" on the Road



### Following Jesus to Jerusalem

"But God said to him,  
'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you.  
And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'"

Luke 12:20