

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Medley in C Major* Jean Moxley, harpist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God has thrown open the doors!

We come to the banquet of hope, seeking to be fed.

The food at God's table is a feast for the body:

**the passionfruit, the starfruit, and the dragonfruit,
the cactus blossom and the squash blossom,
the farro and the marrow and the wine.**

The food at God's table is a feast for the soul:

**the mercy and the grace, the balm and the blessing,
the presence and the power and the call.**

The Lord bids us welcome.

Come, let us eat!

* HYMN 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, there is a wideness in your mercy—

**in Christ you have flung open the gates,
welcomed us into your holy presence,
and invited us to approach the throne of grace.**

**Yet, once inside, we often want to close the gate behind us,
worrying that if others come in and sit at the table,
there won't be enough.**

**We find ways not to think about those who are still outside,
who are crying, faint with hunger at the door,
and who long for our leftovers.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, help us to trust you as our Helper,
so that we might join the wideness of your welcome,
and see "the other" not with fear, but with longing.**

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 Amos 6:1a, 4-7, p.747 (OT)

ANTHEM *The Earth Is the Lord's* David Ashley White

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is He who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who can stand in His holy place?
Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek Him,
of those who seek Your face, O God of Jacob.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 16:19-31, p. 851-852 (NT)

SERMON "Turning from Keeping Out to Letting In"
"You-Turns" on the Road: Following Jesus to Jerusalem

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 692 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Heidelberg Catechism* (Q. 1)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in
life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory *Above the Clouds* Frank Voltz

* *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 306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Greg Howlett

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: Susan Maveety

Today's greeters: Elaine Price and Mary Banman

Today's ushers: Bill Higgins and Glenn Limbird

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch after church today! We will be going to Tupelo Honey. Please see John Riley.

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.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

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 three. 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.

Room in the Inn

New Hope is donating our Fellowship Hall to Homeward Bound this week for Room in the Inn. We will not be hosting, only offering our facilities. Our guests will arrive on Monday evening, March 25 and stay through Sunday morning, March 31.

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? Join us for an Information Meeting at 7 PM tomorrow night, 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 the servant hero for the day! Questions? Carol Burnette (828) 674-0609.

Church Parking Lot

We are currently working on the grassy portion of the parking lot. The railroad side of the lot is being blocked off with railroad ties to protect our septic fill. The road side of the lot has been made into a large parking area and can be parked in to save spaces closer to the church for people who need them or simply when extra parking is needed. We will soon be laying gravel in the lot to make parking even easier there.

Men’s Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, March 30, 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.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, March 31 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, March 27.

Calendar

Sun	24	12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)
Mon	25	7:00 PM	Guatemala Trip Informational Meeting
Tues	26	5:45 PM	Lectio Divina
		7:00 PM	Lenten Small Group Book Study
Wed	27	3:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
		5:00 PM	Outreach
		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sat	30	10:30 AM	Men’s Brunch Bunch
Sun	31	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”

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

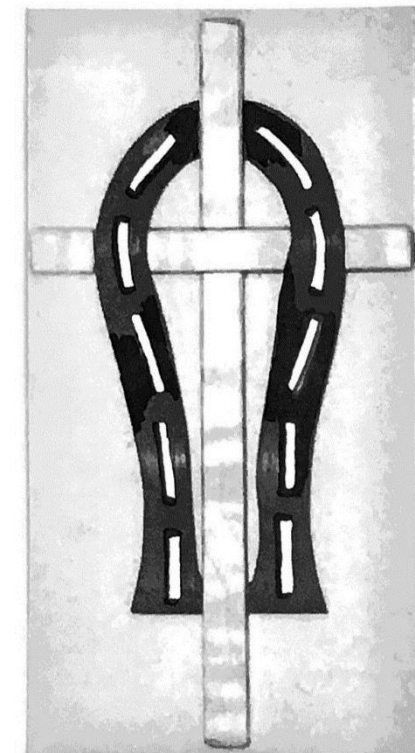
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“Turning from Keeping Out to Letting In”

Third in the Series:

“You-Turns” on the Road



Following Jesus to Jerusalem

“At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table.” Luke 16:20