

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Surely He Has Borne Our Sorrows* H. Sorenson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will enter the gates with praise on our lips,
waving our palm branches high.**

We will be seated at the Supper with a longing for community,
washing one another's feet with love.

**We will rise from the table in the confusion of betrayal,
feeling trust unravel into night.**

We will walk the road to the hill of Golgotha,
peering from a distance at the shadow of the cross.

**We will awake in the morning to the heavy weight of grief,
not yet understanding the good news that awaits.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the one we long for, and the Word who sustains us.

**It is not just our palms we lay down before him,
but also our hearts, to cushion his walk with our love.**

Look! Now he comes! Hosanna! Save us!

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

* HYMN 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*During the singing of the hymn, those with palms are invited to bring them
forward and lay them before the communion table.*

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, we confess we are a people shaped by the
ways of this world, where power takes the form of
dominance and aggression.**

**We welcome Jesus as our king, but his humble ways seem
weak to us, and we doubt his power.**

**Forgive us for dismissing the cross as foolishness,
when in fact it is the power and wisdom of God.**

**By your Spirit, prepare us to be led by him, that our own
exercise of power might be conformed to his.**

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 Luke 19:28-40, p.854 (NT)

ANTHEM *The Holy City* Michael Maybrick
Matt Edwardsen, soloist

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 23:33-43, p. 859-860 (NT)

SERMON "Turning from Might to Foolishness"
"You-Turns" on the Road: Following Jesus to Jerusalem

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 227 "Jesus, Remember Me"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus
proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the
poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and
deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and
binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the
gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this
Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking
the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to
life eternal.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory *The Crucifixion* Samuel Barber
I Will Come to You David Haas

* *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 200 "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Were You There?* Arr. Philip Keveren

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: Richard & Judy Green

Today's ushers: Jay & Susan Maveety

Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

Today we are receiving one of our denomination's annual special
offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering supports the
Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and
the Self Development of People. Please see the enclosed envelope and
insert for more information about these ministries. Checks should be
made out to New Hope Presbyterian Church with OGHS in the memo
line. Thank you for your generosity.

Today is Our April Fellowship Luncheon

Please join us after church today for our monthly luncheon downstairs
in the Fellowship Hall. The church is providing the ham. Please come
even if you have not brought a side dish—all are welcome!

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Lenten Small Group Study: “Entering the Passion of Jesus”

Join us this Tuesday at 7:00 PM for the last session of our 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 has been facilitating this group as we seek to 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 six. Questions? Contact Peg Lewis at (828) 702-0161 or lewpeg3@gmail.com.

Lectio Divina & Group Spiritual Direction

Join us this Tuesday at 5:45 PM 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. Questions? Contact Pastor Kim.

Maundy Thursday Supper & Service

Join us this Thursday evening as we celebrate Maundy Thursday. A simple supper will be served at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall, followed by worship with communion at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. During worship, there will be an opportunity for optional foot washing, and the passion story will be read, interspersed by Holy Week hymns. The service will close with the shrouding of the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Worship

We hope you will join us for worship on Easter Sunday! Our Easter worship service will take place at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary.

Bring cut flowers to worship on Easter Sunday

On Easter, our tradition is to bring cut flowers and place them in a wire cross, which we then leave outside by the road as a witness to the Easter hope we experience here at New Hope. Please bring some cut flowers to worship on Easter Sunday to help fill the wire cross.

Informal Easter Sunrise Gathering

Would you like to join other early birds at sunrise on Easter for singing, scripture reading, and prayer? Susan and Jay Maveety invite you to their home at 104 Willow Farm Road in Fairview for an informal gathering. Come on over at 7:05 AM on Easter morning (the gates to their community open at 7:00 AM). Contact the Maveetys at (828) 628-0840 to let them know you’re coming.

New Hope’s Care Groups

“The folks at New Hope really care—that’s why we came back.” How many times have you heard this echoed by people at New Hope? We love our caring community! Did you know that New Hope has a team of Caring Ministry leaders? Enter the scene: deacons Joy Lee Eppes, Tom Fife, and Mary Jo Limbird, shepherded by our Parish Associate, Ken Meeks, and our Pastor, Kim Wells. Each deacon is assigned a group of 20-25 members, called a care group. Your deacons are interested in the concerns and joys of the people in their care groups and will lend a listening and supportive ear when you wish to share. Many of you have already been contacted by your deacon. If your deacon has not contacted you yet, just sit tight—your deacon will contact you in the next few weeks! Questions? Contact Parish Associate Ken Meeks at (706) 202-8821 or kenep56@gmail.com.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, April 21 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, April 17.

Calendar

Sun	14	12:30 PM	Fellowship Luncheon
Mon	15	5:30 PM	Session
Tues	16	5:45 PM	Lectio Divina
		7:00 PM	Lenten Small Group Book Study
Wed	17	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	18	5:45 PM	Maundy Thursday Supper
		6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Sun	21	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Easter Sunday

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”

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 14, 2019
11 o’clock



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Luke 23:42