

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praise Him, Praise Him* Chester G. Allen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION *Lecago* Susanna Lowe

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

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Christ is risen, alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

* HYMN 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Those with cut flowers are invited to bring them forward during the singing of the hymn and place them in the wire cross.

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we look down on the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.**

Forgive us, O God of mercy.

**Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 240, refrain only (twice) “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to his name.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:1-12, *p. 860 (NT)*

ANTHEM *Anthem of Joy* Henry Purcell

Hosanna, He is risen!

Hosanna to the Lord, Sing Hosanna!

Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord on high.

He reigns on high! He reigns on high! Rejoice, behold the King!

He reigns on high! He reigns on high!

Rejoice, loud praises sing!

Hosanna, He is risen!

Hosanna to the Lord, Sing Hosanna!

Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord on high.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:13-35, *p. 860-861 (NT)*

SERMON “Turning Point”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

* 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 Self-Offering

Offertory

Peace Be With You

Frank Voltz

* *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

240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

510 “We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

Prayer After Communion

O God, you have nourished us with bread and cup, life and Spirit. Send us out now to meet the risen Jesus in our daily lives, that our struggles might be healed by his companioning presence, and our energy renewed for love, service, and witness in the world.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* **HYMN 246** "Christ Is Alive!"

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Hymn 240, refrain only "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to his name.

POSTLUDE *Great is the Lord* Michael W. 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: Nancy Spann

Today's greeters: Leslie Hillman and Bill Higgins

Today's ushers: Bill & Terri Carpenter

We thank our special musicians today: Jean Moxley, harpist; and Ruth Johnson and Jan Fife, pianists.

Sunday Morning Classes on Break

Our 9:30 AM class will remain on break next Sunday, April 28. Classes will resume on Sunday, May 5, in the downstairs classroom (Room 104).

"Going Back to the Roots": Sunday Morning Class in May

Spring is here, buds are unfolding in showers of color, and the soil is soft and ready for planting. What better time to go back to the roots, to humankind's first vocation to "till and keep" the garden? During the month of May, join Pastor Kim for our 9:30 AM Sunday morning class as we explore what Genesis and other scriptures have to say about our relationship to the earth and all its creatures. We will explore the meaning of biblical (and often controversial) concepts such as dominion, the command to "fill the earth and subdue it," what to eat (and what not to eat), and our relationship to all creatures great and small. We will also look at the impact of "the Fall" on our relationship to the earth's ecosystem, with a view toward restoration and renewal.

Bryan Stevenson Speaks in Asheville on Thursday

The Justice & Reconciliation Committee encourages all congregants to see Bryan Stevenson, attorney, activist, and best-selling author of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, speak at UNC Asheville's Kimmel Arena this Thursday, April 25. Doors will open at 6 PM, and the event will begin at 7 PM. The talk is free and open to everyone. Stevenson is the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI)—a non-profit law firm whose work for their clients has eliminated unfair sentencing, exonerated innocent death row prisoners, confronted abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aided children prosecuted as adults. Questions? Contact Virginia Hebert at vlhebert@gmail.com or (919) 264-4407.

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, April 27, 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.

MANNA Food Bank

Join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on the second Tuesday of every month from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities getting food ready for those who need it. You can join us just one time, on a regular monthly basis, or whenever you can. Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, April 28 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, April 24.

Calendar

Sun	21	11:00 AM	Worship
Wed	24	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	25	2:00 PM	Spirituality Circle (at Vera Crumley's home)
Sat	27	10:30 AM	Men's Brunch Bunch
Sun	28	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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Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

11 o'clock



"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him ..."

Luke 24:30-31