

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**                      *Here I Am, Lord*                      arr. John Carter

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

**People: Because of his great mercy, he gave us new life by raising Christ from the dead.**

Leader: This fills us with living hope, looking forward to the rich blessings God keeps for his people.

**People: Blessed are those who have not seen yet who believe.**

**All: Thanks be to God who gives us sure hope through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

\* **HYMN 250**                      “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

### \* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to grasp the significance of your resurrection for us. Standing distant from the experience, we are prone to forget the life-changing potential it holds for your followers in every age. Show us anew the invitation to triumphant and courageous living available in 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.**

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**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      Hebrews 11:1-3, *p.977 (NT)*

**ANTHEM**                      *Lord, Be With Us On This Day*                      Jay Althouse

Lord, be with us on this day,  
And in Thy presence may we evermore adore Thee.  
And Lord, be near and show Thy way,  
That we may follow in the path You choose.

Lord, be with us on this day,  
As with a humble heart we raise our mortal voices.  
And Lord, let us not go astray,  
For we are ever filled with doubt and with temptation.

Help us, O lord, to love and understand  
All Thy ways both great and small.  
Lead us this day, O lord, we humbly pray  
So that we may heed Thy call.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      John 20:19-31, *p. 883 (NT)*

**SERMON**                      “Yes, It Is For Real”

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* **HYMN 254**                      “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                      *from Faith Seeking Understanding by Dr. Daniel Migliorie*

**The cross of Christ etches deeply into history that God’s compassion is greater than the murderous passions of our world, that God’s glory can and does shine even in the deepest night of human savagery, that God’s forgiveness is greater than our paralyzing recognition of guilt, that God’s way of life is greater than our way of death.**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Invitation to Offering*

*Offertory*                      *His Eye Is On the Sparrow*                      Traditional

\* *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 257**                      “The Risen Christ”

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Hymn 240, refrain only                      “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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**POSTLUDE**                      *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*                      arr. Fred Bock

## 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:** Woody Ferrell

**Today’s greeters:** Janet, Woody and Austin Ferrell

**Today’s ushers:** Herschel & Linda Lewis

**Today we welcome the Rev. Ken Meeks to the pulpit!**

While Pastor Kim is away, our Parish Associate, Ken Meeks, a retired PC (USA) pastor and former General Presbyter of the Northeast Georgia Presbytery, is here to preach and lead us in worship. Ken became New Hope’s Parish Associate for Visitation this past fall. He spends approximately ten hours per week visiting our members, especially those who are homebound. Ken and his wife Jane also joined New Hope this past fall.

### Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Tupelo Honey. See John Riley for more information about today's lunch outing.

### “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.

### 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.

### Save the Date for Room in the Inn

New Hope will be hosting Room in the Inn beginning May 19th. We provide a safe place, bed, meals, love and compassion to a dozen homeless women for the week. Please mark your calendar now and save time to serve a meal, spend the night, set up, wash blankets, or just listen during the week. We will only host once this year, so please make a commitment to help support this ministry.

### Continued Prayers for Carol Parker

Carol Parker has been moved to the Hospice Solace Center due to their inability to manage her pain adequately at home. She is waiting to see a doctor and hope to know more soon. Both Carol and Tom have said they don't need anything right now, but they do very much covet your prayers. For those of you who are newer to New Hope, Tom and Carol were beloved members of New Hope until a few years ago when they moved to Salisbury, NC. They have just moved back, and the Session has joyfully received them back into membership again.

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, May 5 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, May 1.

### Calendar

Sun	28	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)
Wed	1	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	5	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Vera Crumley)

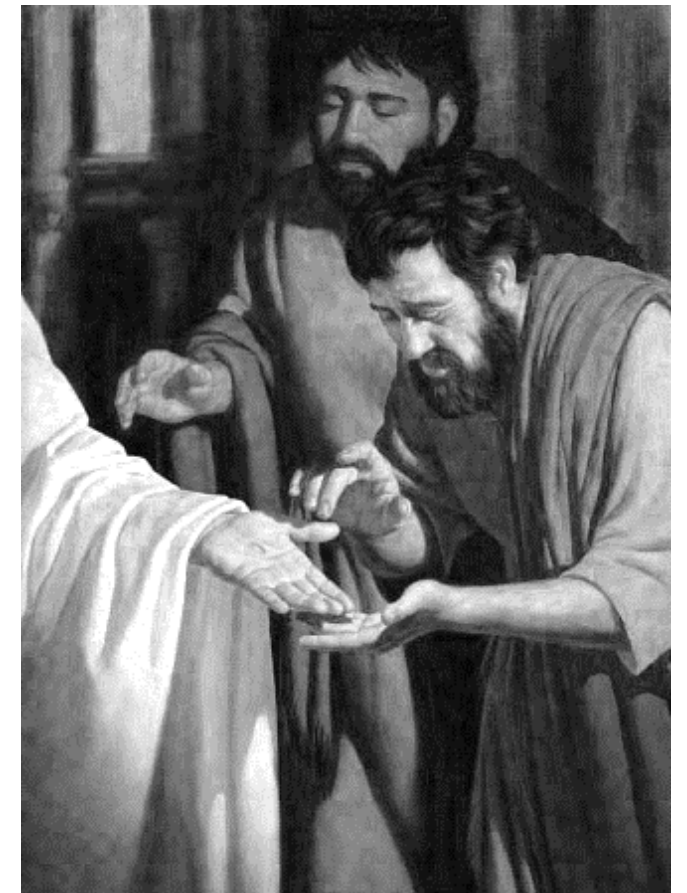
## New Hope Presbyterian Church

“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Second Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2019  
11 o'clock



### “Yes It Is For Real”



“Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord”

John 20:19-20

### 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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