

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *On Golden Pond* Dave Gruisin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is creative,
 weaving the fabric of creation into being.
God is attentive,
 clothing the lilies of the field with splendor.
God is restorative,
 tending to what has become frayed on the margins.
God is reconciling,
 quilting different patches together, side by side.
God is life giving,
 raising us up for the sake of each other.

* **HYMN 667** “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, you have called us to community,
to share our love and allow others to love us,
weaving our gifts and vulnerabilities together,
for “a cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”**
**Yet, though we are being woven into the same tapestry,
sometimes we leave others hanging by a thread.**
Forgive us, O God.
**By your Spirit, join us to your work of gathering up,
so that all that has become unraveled,
might be rewoven into the fabric of your new
creation.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

* 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 Psalm 23, p. 435-436 (OT)

ANTHEM *Let the Whole Creation Cry* Jay Althouse

Let the whole creation cry, glory to the Lord on high!

Heaven and earth awake and sing:

Praise Him! Praise Him! He is our King!

Praise Him angels from above, ever bright and fair in love.

Sun and moon lift up your voice, night and stars in God rejoice.

Let the mighty chorus roll.

Heavenly angels loud and strong raise their voice in song.

Servants working for the Lord, prophets burning with His word.

All who work and all who wait:

Praise Him. Praise Him, for He is great!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9:36-43, p. 894 (NT)

SERMON “Peter: Giving Life to the Life Giver”
Peter, Paul, and Mary: Resurrection Tour 2019

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* **HYMN 796** “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *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 Offering

Offertory *Cross of Christ Medley* arr. Larry Shackley

* *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 800** “Sometimes a Light Surprises”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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POSTLUDE *God Bless America* Irving Berlin

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: Tom Fife

Today’s greeters: Margaret Marsh and Bill Higgins

Today’s ushers: Laura Brown and Kim Presley

Today we welcome our May New Members Class! See the insert on Ellen James, John Laney & Joan Yarborough, Susan Lang, Tom Parker, Rob Renegar.

We welcome Ruth Sieber Johnson as our guest pianist today. We also thank Jan Fife for her part in today’s service.

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 Vera Crumley for more information about today's lunch outing.

MANNA Food Bank

Join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on June 11 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.

Habitat for Humanity Restore Workday

We are adding another monthly service activity to the New Hope calendar! Beginning in June, we are adding a Habitat for Humanity Restore workday on the third Thursday of every month from 2 to 4 PM. Mark your calendars and join us!

Worship Arts Team

Do you have a creative eye? Have you ever thought about applying your creative insight to worship? For example, if you were told that our worship theme for Lent was going to be "wilderness," what ideas might you have for how we might decorate the sanctuary? The Worship Committee is seeking to form a worship arts team that would help come up with creative ideas for decorating our worship spaces for special liturgical occasions like Lent, Pentecost, and Advent. Interested in finding out more? Contact Laura Brown at (828) 335-6000 or llbrown888@gmail.com.

Sanctuary Flowers

Did you know you can bring flowers any Sunday to brighten up the Sanctuary? There is a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. You can also specify if you'd like them to be in memory or honor of a loved one. There are plenty of available dates left.

Pentecost Offering June 2

On Sunday, June 2 we will be receiving our denominations' annual Pentecost Offering, which provides hope for children at risk, opportunities for youth and young adults to grow in their faith, and short-term mission service options for young adults. New Hope retains 40% of the offering for a children's, youth, or young adult ministry of our choice.

Sunday Morning Class on break beginning June 2

Beginning June 2, the 9:30 AM Sunday morning class will be on break. We are getting geared up for our Summer Spirit activities, so be on the lookout for upcoming information.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, June 2 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, May 29.

Calendar

Sun	26	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Vera Crumley)
Wed	29	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	2	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Vera Crumley)

New Hope Presbyterian Church

"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019
11 o'clock



"Peter: Giving Life to the Life Giver"

Fourth in the Series:



"Peter turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.'
Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up."

Acts 9:40

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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