

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* Phoebe Knapp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Role of the Presbytery Advocate (Ken Meeks)

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

From the waters of creation,
dry land emerged.

**From the waters of a womb,
the mystery of the incarnation was born.**

In the waters of the Jordan,
John baptized the people into Mercy.

**With the waters of the Holy Spirit,
Jesus baptized with transforming power.**

With Pentecostal wind and fire,
we have been clothed with power to serve.

**With heart, mind, soul, and strength,
let us worship God!**

* HYMN 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you offer to heal us from the inside out,
abiding in the interior regions of our hearts.**

**Yet, we are hesitant to open ourselves up and let the Spirit
enter the inner places that need your balm.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By the power of the Spirit, move us beyond going through
the motions of our faith, and lead us into a deeply
lived experience of your presence and power.**

**Then may the fruit of the Spirit be present in us for the
sake of the world.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 288 (three times) “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Numbers 11:24-30, *p. 114 (OT)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 19:1-7, *p. 903 (NT)*

SERMON “Paul: Into the Interior Regions”
Peter, Paul, and Mary: Resurrection Tour 2019

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 490 “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967* (9.20)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Jesus Loves Me* William Bradbury

* *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 291 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 291, refrain only “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

POSTLUDE *Do Lord* Traditional

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: Kim Sluder-Owensby

Today’s greeters: Mike & Susan Garrett

Today’s ushers: Jay & Susan Maveety

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Ruth Johnson celebrating the life of Roberta Robertson, and by Meg & Win Word-Sims for all of New Hope to enjoy!

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to JK’s. See Vera Crumley for more information about today’s lunch outing.

Suggest Names to the Nominating Committee

You are invited to suggest names to the Nominating Committee for next year’s class of elders and deacons. Since these are suggestions, you do not need to ask your suggested person for their permission. You may also suggest yourself. Forms are in today’s bulletin, or you may download one from the “Connect” page on our church website. Please place your completed form in the box provided in the Narthex or email it to Chair Jay Maveety at jay.maveety@gmail.com.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Asheville GreenWorks “FlipYourLid” Recycling Challenge

Do you have questions about what can and cannot be recycled? Asheville GreenWorks is challenging us to “flip our lid” for the month of June. For more information and to see their videos, go to <https://www.ashevillegreenworks.org/flip-your-lid.html>.

July Diaper Drive

During the month of July, we are conducting a diaper drive. Our goal is to collect 1,000 diapers for BeLoved Asheville! Please drop off diapers in the collection bin in the Narthex beginning July 7. Thank you.

MANNA Food Bank

Join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on July 9 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.

2019 Guatemala Team

This November, five people from New Hope will be going to Guatemala to visit our sister church, El Divino Salvador. We will be deepening our relationships with our Guatemalan brothers and sisters, so that “we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith” (Romans 1:12). We will also be visiting women who participate in our Presbytery’s micro-loan project, learning about life on a coffee plantation, and more. Stay tuned for ways that you can support the team from your own home here in Asheville while they are in Guatemala. Our 2019 Guatemala Team members are: Janet Black, Tom Fife, Virginia Hebert, Susan Maveety, and Kim Wells. More trips will be available for interested folks in the future.

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? Sign up in the Narthex. You can also specify if you’d like them to be in memory or honor of a loved one for the bulletin.

The Affirmation of Faith in Presbyterian Worship

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is a creedal denomination, and our Constitution contains twelve confessions. The earliest two confessions (the Apostle’s Creed and the Nicene Creed) emerged out of the church’s theological development in the second through fourth centuries. The next six confessions are from the era of the Protestant Reformation and speak to our theological heritage in the Reformed tradition. The last four confessions are from the 20th and 21st centuries and bring our Reformed theological beliefs to bear on modern issues such as nationalism, racism, and the need for justice and reconciliation. Today’s Affirmation of Faith is an excerpt from *The Confession of 1967*, which is one of our modern confessions. The turbulent decade of the 1960s called for the writing of a comprehensive statement of faith that would address the crises of the day in contemporary language. Today’s selection from *The Confession of 1967* has been adapted further with the use of inclusive language, which would not be used in *The Book of Confessions* until the writing of *The Brief Statement of Faith* in the 1980s.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, June 30 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, June 26.

Calendar

Sun	23	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Vera Crumley)
Thurs	27	2:00 PM	Spirituality Circle
Fri	28	7:05 PM	Asheville Tourists Game
Sun	29	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Vera Crumley)

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”

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2019
11 o’clock



“Paul: Into the Interior Regions”

Sixth in the Series:



“While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus ...”
Acts 19:1