

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Meditation* Robert Seeley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dust, earth, clay, water—
taking shape in the potter's hands.
**Turning, moving, whirling, spinning—
being centered on the potter's wheel.**

Forming, rising, curving, opening—
being fashioned by the potter's ways.

**Praising, lamenting, returning, worshiping—
our lives are centered on you, O God!**

* HYMN 26 "Earth and All Stars!"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, you ask us to worship you—
not to feed your own needs,
but so that we are centered on what makes us thrive.
Yet, all too often we dedicate ourselves to false centers,
veering in directions that leave us distorted.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, heal and reshape us anew,
that we might wholly love you,
and our neighbor as ourselves.**

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 Acts 16:16-24, p. 900-901 (NT)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 19:23-31, p. 904 (NT)

SERMON "Paul: Toppling Mammon"
Peter, Paul, and Mary: Resurrection Tour 2019

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith* (10.4)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Make Them Hear You* Lynn Ahrens

* *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 697, vv. 1-5 "Take My Life"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE
Hymn 697, v. 6 "Take My Life"

POSTLUDE *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms* Elisha Hoffman

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: Janet Black

Today's greeters: Leslie Hillman and Margaret Marsh

Today's ushers: Bill Higgins and Glenn Limbird

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Ken & Jane Meeks celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

We welcome Susan Lang into the membership of our church today! Susan was in our May new member's class but was not available to be presented with the rest of the class on May 26.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

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

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Pastor Kim's July Plans

Pastor Kim will be away for the first three weeks of July. She will be staying at San Francisco Theological Seminary, where she will be working on her Doctor of Ministry. She will also have some time for renewal, seeing old friends and visiting her beloved tide pools and redwoods. Kim will be back in the office on Tuesday, July 23, and back in worship on Sunday, July 28.

Pastoral Care While Kim Is Away

Our Parish Associate for Visitation, the Rev. Dr. Ken Meeks, will be on call while Kim is away in July to cover emergency pastoral care needs. He will also continue his regular visitation. Contact Ken at (706) 202-8821 or email him at kenep56@gmail.com. With your permission, Ken can also inform your deacon of any needs you'd like the deacons to know about.

Guest Preachers in July

We are so grateful that, while Pastor Kim is away, we will get to hear messages from several of New Hope's resident pastors! Then, on the last Sunday of July, Kim will be back as liturgist, with our own Louden Young preaching here for the first time since his graduation from Columbia Theological Seminary. We will celebrate his graduation after worship.

- July 07: Rev. Buddy Olney
- July 14: Rev. Ed Hillman
- July 21: Rev. Dr. Ken Meeks
- July 28: Louden Young, M.Div., MA

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 available in the Narthex, 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.

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.

Men's Brunch Bunch meets at 10:30 AM this Saturday, July 6, at J.K.'s on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship. Please join us! Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

Storytelling and Ice Cream Social

Join us at the church Sunday, July 7 at 6:00 PM, to make your own ice cream sundaes and legendary WNC story teller Sandra Gudger. Everything is provided. Come and bring a friend!

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.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, July 7 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, July 3.

Calendar

Sun	30	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Vera Crumley)
Tues	2	6:00 PM	Building and Grounds Meeting
Sat	6	10:30 AM	Men's Brunch Bunch
Sun	7	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Judy Urich)
		6:00 PM	Storytelling and Ice Cream Social

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"

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 2019
11 o'clock



"Paul: Toppling Mammon"

Last in the Series:



"But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities."

Acts 16:19