

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Beloved* David Lanz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 27*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One Thing I asked of lord, that will I seek after,

**To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.**

* HYMN 20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we have not taken the time to know you as we should because we are so busy with our other duties and responsibilities. We also have not taken the time to know other people as we should. In fact, we have not taken the time to get to know ourselves as children of your family and sheep of your fold. Show us a fresh understanding of ourselves and others as we open ourselves to sit at your feet and know your grace and forgiveness.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 698 (three times) “Take, O Take Me as I Am”

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Amos 8:1-12, *p. 748-749 (OT)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 10:38-42, *p. 845 (NT)*

SERMON “Responsible and Response-Able”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 324 “For All the Faithful Women”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Declaration of Faith*

Jesus lived a truly human life. Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. He prayed. He struggled with temptation. He knew anger. He was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was also what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. He never asked whether they deserved his friendship. Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to prevent him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Compassionata* David Lanz

* *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 450, vv. 1-3 “Be Thou My Vision”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE
Hymn 450, v. 4 “Be Thou My Vision”

POSTLUDE *When A Poor One* arr. Alvin Schutmaat

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: Bonnie Runkle

Today’s greeters: Richard & Judy Green

Today’s ushers: Herschel & Linda Lewis

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

Our Parish Associate, Ken Meeks, served several PC(USA) churches and presbyteries, culminating in his service as the General Presbyter of the Northeast Georgia Presbytery in Athens. A graduate of The Citadel, God interrupted Ken’s plans for a military career and led him into ministry. He received his M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and his D.Min. from McCormick Theological Seminary. Ken’s most recent educational experience was his completion of the Certificate for Spiritual Formation and Faith Companionship of Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. Ken and his wife Jane share two sons, Joshua and Ian.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

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

July Diaper Drive Continues

Our goal is to collect 1,000 diapers this month for BeLoved Asheville! Please drop off diapers in the collection bin in the Narthex. Thank you.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

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 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.

Seating in the Sanctuary

Since the choir is on break for the summer, you are welcome to sit in the choir seats in the front left corner of the sanctuary during worship. And, if you are comfortable sitting closer to the front of the sanctuary, we invite you to move up and make room for visitors and others who may be more comfortable sitting closer to the back. It also helps if you move to the center of your row so that those who come in after you can access the chairs closer to the aisle more easily. Thank you for helping us make our small sanctuary a hospitable place for all!

July Wildflower Hike on Blue Ridge Parkway

On Thursday, July 25, join us for a nice ride up the Parkway and a two short hikes in an area known for beautiful summer wildflowers. Jay Maveety will lead us! Meet at the church at 9:00 AM so we can carpool. Bring water, a snack, comfortable walking shoes and a rain jacket. The total distance is no more than one mile. Questions? Contact Bill Carpenter at (704) 219-1893 or billcarpenter53@gmail.com.

MANNA Food Bank, August 13

Join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on August 13 from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities. Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

August Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive

August is the month to bring in peanut butter and jelly! All donations will go to MANNA. Please drop off food items in the giant soup can in the Narthex.

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

Calendar

Sun	21	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Judy Urich)
Thurs	25	9:00 AM	Wildflower Hike
Sun	28	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Judy Urich)

New Hope Presbyterian Church

“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2019
11 o’clock



“Responsible and Response-Able”



“...Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying.”

Luke 10: 38-39

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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