

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Toccata in D Minor* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION *Shadow Spirit* Christina Tourn
Jean Moxley, harpist

* CALL TO WORSHIP

From east and west, north and south, from neighborhoods and rural farms, from urban centers and backwood hollers, the Spirit surrounds us and gathers us here.

Let us take it upon ourselves to pray to the Lord, we who are but dust and ashes.

We give thanks to your name, O God, for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Let us take it upon ourselves to sing to the Lord, we who are but dust and ashes.

The Lord will fulfill the Lord's purpose for us; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Let us take it upon ourselves to praise the Lord, we who are but dust and ashes.

Let us worship God.

* **HYMN 396** "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 582 (two times) "Glory to God"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (three times)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 138, *p. 503 (OT)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 11:1-13, *p. 845 (NT)*

SERMON "Teach Us to Pray"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN 470** "There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Upward* Linda Wood

* *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 469** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (three times)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Soon and Very Soon* Andrae Crouch

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 liturgists: Rev. Kim Wells and Rev. Michael Poulos

Today's greeters: Leslie Hillman and Bill Higgins

Today's ushers: Jay and Susan Maveety

Today's cover art is Praying Hands, a pen-and-ink drawing by the German printmaker, painter, and theorist Albrecht Dürer. The drawing is housed today at the Albertina Museum in Vienna, Austria.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Post 25. See Judy Urich for more information about today's lunch outing.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Today we welcome Louden Young to the pulpit!

A lifelong member of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Louden recently graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Practical Theology. He also received the William Rivers Waddey Award for showing promise and commitment to a call in youth ministry. Louden currently serves as a part-time chaplain Atlanta. He and his wife, Elizabeth Hiatt, will be celebrating their first anniversary in September. Join us in the Narthex for a celebration of Louden’s graduation. There will be cake!

The Confession of Belhar

The Confession of Belhar is the most recent of the modern confessions in the PC (USA)’s *Book of Confessions*, added in 2016 by the 222nd General Assembly in Portland, Oregon. Written in South Africa in the context of Apartheid, the original Afrikaans text was adopted by the synod of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986. Today’s Affirmation of Faith is an excerpt from this confession.

Exploration of Other Faiths: A Four-Week Experience

The Faith Formation Committee is offering an opportunity to observe, learn about, and experience other faiths. The foundation of the study is the book *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor—a gentle look at how other faiths strengthened her own Christian faith. To enhance our understanding, we will take two trips together: first to the Asheville Islamic Center (941 Old Fairview Road) and second to the Beth Israel Synagogue (229 Murdock Ave). We will be carpooling from the church. See the list below for details and dates. Questions? Contact Peg Lewis at (828) 702-0161 or lewpeg3@gmail.com.

- Friday, August 2: Meet at New Hope at 12:45 PM to carpool to the Asheville Islamic Center for their 1:30 PM prayer service.
- Friday, August 9: Meet at New Hope at 5:00 PM to carpool to Beth Israel Synagogue for their 6:00 PM service.
- Tuesday, August 13: Attend first book discussion on pages 1-138, led by Kim Wells at 7:00 PM at the church.
- Tuesday, August 20: Attend second book discussion on pages 139-307, led by Kim Wells at 7:00 PM at the church.

Last Sunday of the July Diaper Drive!

Thank you for your support of our diaper drive for BeLoved Asheville. Please drop off any last diaper donations in the Narthex this week.

Men’s Brunch Bunch meets at 10:30 AM this Saturday, August 3, 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.

August Food Drive: Peanut Butter and Jelly

Beginning next Sunday, August 4, you are invited to drop off jars of peanut butter and jelly in the giant soup can in the Narthex. All donations will go to MANNA Food Bank.

MANNA Food Bank on August 13

Our next volunteer date at MANNA Food Bank is 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.

Habitat ReStore “Third Thursday” on August 15

Join us for our next “Third Thursday” at the Habitat ReStore on August 15 from 2-4 PM. We meet directly at the ReStore (31 Meadow Road, Asheville). Contact Susan Maveety at (828) 628-0840.

Church Picnic at Lake Julian on August 18

Hold the date! Our annual church picnic at Lake Julian is coming up on Sunday, August 18, at 5:00 PM. Burgers and dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and a chair for evening Vespers by the lake. We hope you can join us!

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, August 4 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, July 31.

Calendar

Sun	28	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Judy Urich)
Wed	31	2:00 PM	New Wineskins
Sat	3	10:30 AM	Men’s Brunch Bunch
Sun	4	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Judy Urich)

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“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 2019
11 o’clock



“Teach Us to Pray”



Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

Luke 11:1