

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**      *Shall We Gather at the River*      Robert Lowry

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SILENT MEDITATION

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

We often feel like we are wandering through life,  
searching for something too deep for words.

**We come today to listen for hope, to pray for strength,  
to experience God's nourishment.**

As the deer longs for flowing water in the wilderness,  
so we long to drink deeply of God's promise for us.

**Trusting that God will meet us in our hunger,  
we prepare to feast on the Bread of Life.**

Though we are weary of the burdens in our lives and world,  
God's voice calls us to renewal in this place of rest.

**Wherever we are on our journey, God is our guide,  
holding us, healing us, leading us.**

\* **HYMN 65**      "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#### \* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Companioning God, you promise to be our faithful guide.**

**Yet, sometimes the journey feels too much for us.**

**We feel sapped of hope, depleted of energy, and left alone.**

**We can be tempted to give up, to succumb to self-pity,  
or to abandon our calling.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**By your Spirit, renew us with your sustaining grace,  
strengthen us with your bread and cup,  
and remind us daily to claim the hope of our baptism,  
that we might continue on our journeys,  
and live into the calling you have given us.**

*Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon*

#### \* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 59 (refrain three times) "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end.**

**They are new every morning, new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is your faithfulness.**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**      John 6:35, 48-51, *p. 868 (NT)*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**      1 Kings 19:1-8, *p. 284 (OT)*

**SERMON**      "Awoken in the Night"  
*Elijah and Elisha: Called and Sustained in Troubled Times*

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* **HYMN 501**      "Feed Us, Lord"

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      *The Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Offering*

*Offertory*      *The Old Rugged Cross*      George Bennard

\* *Doxology*      (Hymnal, back page)

\* *Prayer of Dedication*

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Invitation to the Lord's Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks ...

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us, saying:

**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.**

*The Words of Institution*

*The Feast*

*All the bread we serve is gluten-free, and our juice is non-fermented.*

62 "Love the Lord Your God"

507 "Come to the Table of Grace"

*Prayer After Communion*

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

\* **HYMN 516**      "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

*During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward with your monthly 5-cents-a-meal offering to fight hunger, both here and throughout the world. Please place your cash or check in the soup can by the Communion Table.*

#### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**      *Bringing in the Sheaves*      Knowles Shaw

### END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



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**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

**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:** Peg Lewis

**Today's greeters:** Bill and Marlene Johnson

**Today's ushers:** Jay and Susan Maveety

### Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Copper River Grill. See Mary Jo Limbird or Annette Sheffield for more information about today's lunch outing.

### Sunday Morning Refreshments

*"The cheerful heart has a continual feast"* (Proverbs 15:15). Thanks to all who have taken a turn or two hosting the coffee and snack time after worship. Sadly, we currently only have two Sundays covered for the rest of the year. If you enjoy this weekly time of fellowship, or if you just want others to be able to enjoy it, please sign up to cover a few dates. If you need training or have any questions, email Bill Carpenter at [billcarpenter53@gmail.com](mailto:billcarpenter53@gmail.com), and he will be happy to help you.

### Adult Class Starting September 8: The Beatitudes

Jesus began his Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes. In his day, the Beatitudes were profound teachings, showing the people how to live in peace. Do these words have the same effect and meaning in today's contemporary society? Starting next Sunday, join our own Russ Moxley on Sunday mornings in September and October as he facilitates this exploration of the Beatitudes through the perspectives of four different authors. Prepare to be challenged, stimulated, and surprised! We will meet at 9:30 AM in the downstairs classroom.

### Homeward Bound Informational Lunch on September 27

Interested in learning more about an organization called Homeward Bound? Homeward Bound is working hard in our community to end homelessness through permanent housing. If you'd like to learn more about its work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our community, you are invited to a luncheon on Friday, September 27 at noon, where you will meet Homeward Bound's key staff. Contact Susan Maveety at [susan.maveety@gmail.com](mailto:susan.maveety@gmail.com) or (828) 628-0840 by Friday, September 6, if you plan to attend.

### Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Returns

While summer fellowship events have come to an end, don't worry! Starting Sunday, September 15, our monthly fellowship luncheons return. Please join us immediately following worship for the fall kickoff featuring ...fried chicken! You are invited to bring a side or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Bill Carpenter at (704) 219-1893 or [billcarpenter53@gmail.com](mailto:billcarpenter53@gmail.com).

### Louden Young Receives a Call

Great news! Loudon, who grew up at New Hope, and who has been under the care of our congregation during his preparation to become a Minister of Word and Sacrament, has accepted a call from New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville, TN, to be their Associate Pastor for Emerging Generations and Mission. Loudon started his new position this past week, leading all the programming for youth and college-aged members, as well as all the outreach ministries of the church. Loudon is delighted that this call brings together two of his strongest ministry passions: working with youth and social justice. He and his wife Elizabeth have a new address: 1631 Hamilton Ridge Drive, Maryville, TN, 37801. You may also email him at [louden.a.young@gmail.com](mailto:louden.a.young@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more information about his ordination and installation service, coming up later in the fall.

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, September 8 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, September 4

### Calendar

Sun	1	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Mary Jo)
Wed	7	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sun	8	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Mary Jo)

### New Hope Presbyterian Church

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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2019

11 o'clock



"Awoken in the Night"

Fifth in the Series:



"Elijah looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water."

1 Kings 19:6