

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *River Flows In You* Yiruma

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission: The Soul of Aging Russ Moxley

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
**for God has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Let us walk in the way of the LORD!

* **HYMN 32** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, you created us to be a people of place,
intimately connected to the earth we stand on,
just as you made Adam and placed him in the Garden.
Yet, we confess our history of unjustly expanding our place
and of usurping the places of others.**

**We confess that we live and worship on land once
inhabited by indigenous peoples who were killed or
removed in order to make way for our forebears.**

**We specifically acknowledge the Cherokee peoples,
their history in this region before us,
the erasure of their practices under settler colonialism,
and our proximity to the Trail of Tears.**

**Forgive us, O God, for this history and its consequences.
By your Spirit, help us to dismantle the systems of
oppression that continue to dispossess others,
that all may know the joy of the Beloved Community.**

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 Isaiah 5:8-9, 10-17, p. 552 (OT)

ANTHEM *Oh Great Joy In the Mornin' Gonna Come* M. Hudson

Oh great joy in the mornin' gonna come
When all saints hear His voice.
Joy in the mornin' gonna come
When we see our Savior and King.
All sinners will be heard and their sad cries won't be heard.
All the saints goin' home.
Oh great joy in the mornin' gonna come.
Shout, shout the victory!
Oh great joy in the mornin' gonna come.
Bells gonna ring out loud, trumpets blowin',
Angels singin' welcome home.
Oh great joy in the mornin' gonna come.
Goin' to that heavenly Kingdom where joy has no ending.
Singin' and shoutin' the victory
while bells and trumpets are soundin', Welcome home!
Joy in the mornin' gonna come when we see our Savior and King!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-21, 27-29,
p. 286-287 (OT)

SERMON "Border Politics"
Elijah and Elisha: Called and Sustained in Troubled Times

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN 275** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In
sovereign love God created the world good and makes
everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every
race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel
against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's
commandments, we violate the image of God in others
and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and
nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our
care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with
justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to
bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God
delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the
covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing
child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal
home, God is faithful still.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Peace* George Winston

* *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 761** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Like a River Glorious* James Mountain

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: Virginia Hebert
Today’s greeters: Leslie Hillman and Bill Higgins
Today’s ushers: Jay Maveety and Glenn Limbird

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Russ and Jean Moxley in honor of the New Hope faith community.

Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Today after Worship

Please join us immediately following worship today for our fall luncheon kickoff featuring ...fried chicken! Please come even if you have not brought a side dish—all are welcome!

Sunday Morning Adult Class through Oct 27: 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? 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 meet at 9:30 AM in the downstairs classroom.

The Sweet Tooth Binge

The Sweet Tooth Binge will meet at the Well-Bred Bakery in Biltmore Village on Wednesday, September 18 at 10:30 AM. Those wishing to carpool (parking is limited) should meet at New Hope by 10:00 AM. Questions? Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

Sound System Operators Needed

We are seeking volunteers to learn how to operate the Sunday morning sound system. Step by step training is available and practice sessions as well. If you are interested in learning, email Myron lepro at angellep@aol.com or call (828) 505-7972.

Coming Up in October: Thursday Series on *Being Mortal*

How do we approach the end of our lives? In his book *Being Mortal*, author Atul Gawande argues that healthcare practitioners should focus on improving the quality of life and well-being of their end-of-life patients rather than focusing only on survival. On Thursdays, October 3 & 10, join Pastor Kim in the Narthex for a two-part discussion of the book *Being Mortal*. Then on Thursday, October 17, come and engage with a panel of healthcare professionals in medicine, gerontology, and palliative care. Questions? Contact Peg Lewis at (828) 702-0161.

Pisgah Legal Services Justice Forum on October 3

Each year, Pisgah Legal Services holds a Forum to draw attention to the plight of low-income people in Western North Carolina. This year’s Forum focuses on the challenges faced by immigrants, and the speaker will be Jose Antonio Vargas, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and the author of *Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen*. Our Session voted to be an official Faith Partner and Sponsor of this event. The Forum itself is free (but you do need to register). The reception beforehand is \$60 (a fundraiser for Pisgah Legal). For details, visit www.pisgahlegal.org/justiceforum. Contact Virginia Hebert at (919) 264-4407 or vlhebert@gmail.com to go with our New Hope group.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, September 22 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, September 18.

Calendar

Sun	15	9:30	AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00	AM	Worship
		12:30	PM	Fellowship Luncheon
Mon	16	3:30	PM	Finance
		5:30	PM	Session
Wed	18	7:00	PM	Choir Practice
Sun	22	9:30	AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00	AM	Worship
		12:45	PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Annette)

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”

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2019
11 o’clock



“Border Politics”

Seventh in the Series:



Ahab said to Naboth, “Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house ...”
1 Kings 21:2