

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Fill My Cup, Lord* arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission: Guatemalan Prayer Partners Susan Maveety

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We see Elijah calling on the name of God,
responding to evil with an appeal to God's goodness.

May we be a people of faith.

We see Elijah caring for the most vulnerable,
offering bread to the widow and healing for her child.

May we be a people of compassion.

We see Elijah speaking truth to power,
daring to deliver words of judgment to the King.

May we be a people of justice.

We see Elijah ascend in the whirlwind,
offering the promise of the still unfolding future.

May we be a people of hope.

* HYMN 408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God of the fiery chariots, your power is unending.

Though our power falters and wanes, yours never fails.

**Yet, when we face our limitations, it is so hard to trust that
your strength will carry what we can no longer hold.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, give us the courage to accept our finitude,
trusting that you will accomplish what we cannot,
and that you will complete your work in us,
and in your world.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

* 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 Psalm 77:11-20, p. 467-468 (OT)

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* arr. Lee Turner

Refrain: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far

And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years

Bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we've first begun. *Refrain*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Kings 2:1-15, p. 289 (OT)

SERMON "The View from Both Sides of the Baton"
Elijah and Elisha: Called and Sustained in Troubled Times

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 282 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

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

**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 *Angel* Sarah McLachlan

* *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 644 "Give Thanks, O Christian People"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Nothing Is Impossible* Eugene L. Clark

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: Woody Ferrell

Today's greeters: Janet, Woody, and Austin Ferrell

Today's ushers: Bill Higgins and Glenn Limbird

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Tom Parker in memory of his wife, Carol Parker, and of her birthday on September 15.

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 Annette Sheffield for more information about today's lunch outing.

Congregational Meeting on September 29

A congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, September 29 in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday Morning Adult Class through Oct 27: The Beatitudes

Jesus began his Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes. What do these teachings really mean, and how do we live them out today? Join Russ Moxley on Sunday mornings through October 27 as he facilitates this exploration. We meet at 9:30 AM in the downstairs classroom.

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, September 28 at J.K.'s on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship. Questions? Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

Guatemalan Prayer Partners

Would you be willing to pray for a Guatemalan family? We would like to begin a prayer partner ministry with our brothers and sisters at our sister church, El Divino Salvador. Please sign up on the sheet on the Equal Exchange table in the Narthex by September 30. Questions? Contact Susan Maveety at (828) 768-5475 or susan.maveety@gmail.com.

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? Can healthcare practitioners focus on improving the quality of life for 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*. The Forum itself is free (but you do need to register). The reception beforehand is \$60 (a fundraiser for Pisgah Legal). Contact Virginia Hebert at (919) 264-4407 or vlhebert@gmail.com to go with our New Hope group.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, September 29 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, September 25.

Calendar

Sun	22	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (See Annette)
Wed	25	3:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	26	2:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Circle
Sat	28	10:30 AM	Men's Brunch Bunch
Sun	29	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	Congregational Meeting
		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"

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2019

11 o'clock



"The View from Both Sides of the Baton"

Eighth in the Series:



Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." (2 Kings 2:9)