

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

PRELUDE *Dream* Patrick Doyle

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We present our bodies to God as a living offering—
bodies that are mortal and vulnerable.

Give our broken bodies your balm, O God.

We lay our hearts before God, with all their desires—
desires that leave us capable of hurting and of being hurt.

Give our broken hearts your consolation, O God.

We open our minds to receive God's truth—
minds that can be consumed by the lies of old tapes.

Give our broken minds the mind of Christ, O God.

We hunger with our spirits for God's righteousness—
spirits that can grow wearied and emptied.

Give our broken spirits the refreshment of the Holy Spirit.

We bring our wills to God, wanting to do what is right—
wills that can be co-opted by our own agendas.

**Give our broken wills your calling and direction,
that we might follow the Lord Jesus with faithfulness.**

* HYMN 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you have promised to heal us in body, mind,
and spirit, and to transform us.

Yet, we are often a proud people—we want to fix ourselves,
show our merits, and demonstrate our worth.

We would rather work hard to prove ourselves than receive
the free gift of your grace in Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, O God.

By your Spirit, humble us, that we might accept from you
what we cannot do for ourselves,
that everything in us might be made new.

* 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 Luke 17:11-19, p. 852 (NT)

ANTHEM *Gather by the River to Pray* arr. Pepper Choplin

As I went down to the river to pray,

Studyin' about that good ole way;

And who shall wear the starry crown?

Good Lord, show me the way. (Repeat)

O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O brother, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,

With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;

Grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;

Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Kings 5:1-15, p. 293 (OT)

SERMON "Humble Miracles"
Elijah and Elisha: Called and Sustained in Troubled Times

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 490 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

* 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 *River* Bruce Rowland

* *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 479 "Ho, All Who Thirst"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Victory in Jesus* E.M. Bartlett

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



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: Jay Maveety

Today's greeters: Mike and Susan Garrett

Today's ushers: Kim Sluder and Tracy Owensby

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

Congregational Meeting Today

A congregational meeting will take today 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.

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, October 6 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, October 2.

Calendar

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)
		1:00 PM	Guatemala Team Meeting
		3:00 PM	Justice & Reconciliation Leaders' Meeting
Tue	1	6:00 PM	Building and Grounds Meeting
		6:30 PM	Worship Arts Team
Wed	2	6:00 PM	Worship Committee
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	3	7:00 PM	Being Mortal Book Study
Sun	6	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Mary Jo)

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”

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2019

11 o'clock



“Humble Miracles”

Ninth in the Series:



Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored ...”

(2 Kings 5:10)