

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* arr. Don Wyrzten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

All you who are thirsty:
come drink from the waters of life!
All you who are weary:
come bathe in the river of God's delights!
All you who hunger for justice and righteousness:
come be nourished by the Bread of Life!
All you who yearn for wholeness:
come be transformed by God's grace!

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

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Compassion, you shower us with free grace.
Yet, we have spent our money on that which is not Food;
we have drunk from that which is not your Cup;
we have squandered our time on that which is not Life;
we have offered our hearts to that which is not Love;
and we have worshiped that which is not You.

Forgive us, O God.

By the power of your Spirit, free us from the illusion that
quick fixes and fast pleasures will really satisfy us.

Lead us back to you, so that we might know the true
nourishment that sustains our lives.

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 Luke 9:10-17, p. 842 (NT)

ANTHEM *Love One Another* Brad Nix

Love is patient, love is kind.
Love is gentle, love divine.
Love forgives, is never rude.
Love rejoices in the truth.

Refrain: Love one another, as God has also loved you.
Love one another, as God has also loved you.

Love is faithful, love is pure.
Love is hopeful, love endures.
Love is humble, love is strong.
Love is such a joyous song. *Refrain*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 55:1-9, p. 598 (OT)

SERMON "God's Economy"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 479 "Ho, All Who Thirst"

* 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 *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Richard Shulman

* *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 770 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Sanctuary* arr. Carol Tornquist

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: Kim Wells and Nan Riley

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

Today's ushers: Bill Higgins and Glenn Limbird

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch today! We will be going to JK's Kitchen. See Ellen James for details.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Today we welcome Michael Poulos to the pulpit! Michael currently serves as the director of Asheville Youth Mission, a non-profit that hosts groups of young people for mission experiences in the Asheville area. Previously, he served as the Associate Pastor at FPC Asheville. Michael's wife, Julie Lehman, serves as the Director of the Annual Fund/Major Gifts at Montreat Conference Center. They are the parents of Nicholas and Gabe, as well as care-takers of their two dogs.

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.

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? The series concludes at 7 PM on Thursday, October 17 with a panel discussion. Ask physicians Meg and Win Word-Sims all your questions about health care and decision making at the end of life. If you missed the first two sessions on October 3 & 10, please still feel free to join us on October 17.

Habitat ReStore "Third Thursday" on October 17

Join us for our monthly "Third Thursday" at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore on Thursday, October 17, from 2-4 PM. We meet directly at the ReStore (31 Meadow Road, Asheville). You can come one time, on a regular monthly basis, or whenever you can. Contact Susan Maveety at (828) 628-0840 or susan.maveety@gmail.com.

Our Fall Clean Up Day will take place this Saturday, October 19, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We will be doing clean-up of all kinds around the church building and grounds. Join us as we exercise good stewardship of our land and place of worship! If it's raining, October 26 will be our make-up date. Thank you for your help.

Fellowship Time

We are in the process of preparing a calendar for 2020 that includes all of the volunteer hosts for the coffee and fellowship time following worship. The good news is that a dozen members who have previously hosted have already agreed to do two Sundays next year. If we can get just *eight* more people we are covered for the entire year! Can you help? Sign up for just two Sundays for the whole year. You can even sign up for just one Sunday! You make coffee, set out a box of cookies, and clean up when you are done at 12:30 PM. Easy as pie (which you

could also set out if you like.) *Training is available!* Please email Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com to sign up or request training. If you have particular dates you know you will not be available next year, we will schedule accordingly. Thanks for taking a turn!

Soul of Aging Series

Adults of all ages and stages experience the aging process. We will be offering a series that will help you live soul-fully as you are *growing* older, with an emphasis on *growing*. *The Soul of Aging*, based on the work of Parker Palmer, is a nation-wide program structured to invite you into a deeper level of reflection on your life. We invite you to an Introductory Session at the church on Tuesday morning, October 22, from 9:30 AM to 12 PM. Simply come and learn more about the course. No further commitment is required! Questions? Contact Peg Lewis at lewpeg3@gmail.com or (828) 702-0161.

MANNA Food Bank

Come join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on Tuesday, November 12, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville). Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, October 20 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, October 16.

Calendar

Sun	13	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (See Ellen James)
Wed	16	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	17	4:30 PM	Finance & Administration Meeting
		7:00 PM	Being Mortal Panel Discussion
Sat	19	9:00 AM	Fall Clean Up
Sun	20	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"

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 October 13, 2019
 11 o'clock



"God's Economy"



"Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!"
 (Isaiah 55:1)