

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *There Is a Balm In Gilead* arr. Jennifer Fink

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

When we feel rootless, God says:

“This is where I have placed you to take root.”

When we don’t feel at home, God says:

“I will help you build a place of belonging.”

When we feel disconnected from the earth, God says:

**“Plant a garden, crush the herbs between your fingers,
smell the lemon verbena, the rosemary, the lavender.”**

When we feel friendless, lonely, or bereaved, God says:

“I will give you the stranger to be your family.”

When we feel without purpose, God says:

**“Seek the welfare of your city and pray for it,
for in its welfare you will find your own welfare.”**

* HYMN 667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of the front porch and of the welcome mat, you have
called us to love our neighbors in Asheville.**

**Yet, we confess that we often walk away from city dwellers
whom Jesus would have welcomed.**

**More often, we spend our time in the safe and quiet places,
where Jesus would have retreated for prayer,
but where he would not have hid in self-protection.**

**We confess that even in our sheltered places,
our prayers have mostly been for ourselves,
and not for those outside.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, make us a sanctuary for Asheville,
rather than an escape from its pain,
that we might live out the ministry of reconciliation.**

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 Jeremiah 29:4-7, p. 639 (OT)

ANTHEM *They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* P. Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
They will know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we’ll spread the new that God is our land.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
They will know we are Christians by our love.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 1:1-2, p. 956 (NT)

SERMON “Rooted in Our Local Community”
Growing Deep Roots

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 351 “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967* (9.32)

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of
Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of**

**all people. His service to men and women commits the
church to work for every form of human well-being. His
suffering makes the church sensitive to all human
suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of
persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to
the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks
human relations, and the awful consequences of the
church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the
risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees
the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and
of God’s victory over all wrong.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Offertory #4* arr. Matthew Zisi

* *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 700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *We Are the World* M. Jackson & L. Ritchie

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.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Today's liturgist: Bunk Spann
Today's greeters: Richard and Judy Green
Today's ushers: Bill and Terri Carpenter

Don't Forget to "Fall Back" Next Sunday!

Next Sunday, Daylight Saving Time ends. Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour on Saturday night! Otherwise, you'll miss out on your opportunity for an extra hour of sleep (or an extra hour to enjoy some coffee at home).

Sermon Series for Stewardship: "Growing Deep Roots"

Today we continue our sermon series for our season of stewardship. Since last year's theme was "Sowing Bountifully," we are building on that this year with our new theme: "Growing Deep Roots." Where should we be rooted in order to thrive?

Oct 27: "Rooted in Our Local Community" (Jer 29:4-7, Col 1:1-2)
Nov 3: "Rooted in the Communion of the Saints" (Is 51:1-3, Heb 11:1-12:3)
Nov 10: "Rooted in Gratitude" (Ps 100, Col 2:6-7)

New Sunday Morning Class Starts Next Week

Can science and biblical faith co-exist in harmony? Starting next Sunday, join Doug Baird and Kim Wells for an exploration of life's origins as they bring biblical faith and science into dialogue with one another. We will look at the various ways that others have (or have not) embraced both biblical faith and scientific discovery.

Submit Names for All Saints Sunday, November 3

Next Sunday, November 3, we will be reading the names of our members who have died since All Saints Day last year. If you would like the name of a deceased loved one added to the list of names, please contact Pastor Kim. (Your loved ones do not have to have been members of New Hope, nor does it matter when they died.)

Dedication Sunday, November 10

On Sunday, November 10, we will be dedicating our 2020 pledges to God in worship! Pledge cards have been mailed out along with a summary of the presentation we made at our stewardship luncheon on October 20. Pledges may be mailed back to the church, or you may place them directly in the Pledge Card Box, which is in the Narthex on Sunday mornings and in the office area during the week. Still need a pledge card? Look for a stack of them next to the Pledge Card Box on Sunday mornings, or contact the church office during the week.

Coffee and Fellowship Time

We still have some open dates for volunteer coffee and fellowship hosts in 2020. Can you help? Sign up for just one or two Sundays for the whole year! All you need to do is 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 contact Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com. Thank you!

MANNA Food Bank

Come join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on Tuesday, November 12, from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) to do a variety of activities getting food ready for those who need it. Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Habitat ReStore "Third Thursday" on November 21

Our next "Third Thursday" at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore will take place on November 21 from 2-4 PM. We meet directly at the ReStore to do a variety of service activities together. 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.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, November 3 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, October 30.

Calendar

Sun	27	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:15 PM	Outreach Lunch with Presbytery
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Mary Jo)
Wed	30	3:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	31	2:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Circle
Sun	3	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)

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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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2019
11 o'clock



"Rooted in Our Local Community"
Second in the Series:



"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae ..."
(Colossians 1:1-2)