

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *I Remember* Stephen Sondheim

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

By faith we have been called like Abel in his generosity,
like Cain in his struggle against sin,
like Noah in the face of world calamity.

**By faith we have been called like Abraham in his leave taking,
like Sarah in her barrenness,
like Hagar in her oppression.**

By faith we have been called like Moses speaking truth to Pharaoh,
like Rahab thwarting the king of Jericho,
like David showing mercy to Saul.

**By faith we have taken our place among the saints,
surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,
and by Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

* HYMN 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you have given us a place in a great lineage.
Yet, we often forget what we have learned from our elders,
and we have left our younger ones with a depleted earth.**

**We have not honored our mothers and fathers fully,
nor have we cared fully for our children.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By the power of your Spirit, increase our faithfulness,
that we might steward what has been given to us,
and inspire those who come after us.**

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 51:1-3, p. 594 (OT)

ANTHEM *I Shall Miss Loving You* Kristopher J. Anthony

Refrain: Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei,
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem.

I shall miss loving you.

I shall miss loving you.

I shall miss the comfort of your embrace,

The comfort of your embrace.

I shall miss loving you.

I shall miss loving you.

I shall miss the loneliness of waiting for the calls that never came.

I shall miss the joy of your comings, and pain of your goings

And after a time, I shall miss missing, loving you. *Refrain*

*Translation of Refrain:

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Grant them rest.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:1-12:3, p. 977-978 (NT)

SERMON “Rooted in the Communion of the Saints”
Growing Deep Roots

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 543 “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle’s Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and**

**buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Bourree in E Minor* J.S. Bach

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

* *Prayer of Dedication*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks ...

Let us pray for God’s rule on earth as Jesus taught us, saying:

**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.**

The Words of Institution

The Feast

All the bread we serve is gluten-free, and our juice is non-fermented.

501 “Feed Us, Lord”

515 “I Come with Joy”

Prayer After Communion

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* **HYMN 326** "For All the Saints"

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward with your monthly 5-cents-a-meal offering to fight hunger, both here and throughout the world. Please place your cash or check in the soup can by the Communion Table.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance* Frances J. Crosby

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: Kim Sluder-Owensby
Today's greeters: Bill Higgins and Leslie Hillman
Today's ushers: Herschel and Linda Lewis

Remembering the Saints: Today we give thanks for the following New Hope members who have died in the last year: Carol Parker and Ralph de Werff. Submitted names of other loved ones will also be read in worship.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Copper River Grill. See Marlene Johnson for more information about today's lunch outing.

Dedication Sunday, November 10

Next Sunday, November 10, we will be dedicating our 2020 pledges to God in worship! You are invited to bring your completed pledge card to worship next Sunday and place it in the offering basket. If you have your pledge card with you today, you may place it directly in the Pledge Card Box in the Narthex, where there are extra pledge cards.

Sunday Morning Class: Science & Faith with Doug Baird

Can science and faith co-exist together in harmony? Join us next Sunday at 9:30 AM in the downstairs classroom for the second of our two-part series on bringing biblical faith and science into dialogue with one another.

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, November 9 at J.K's on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship. Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

Autumn Walking Group

The New Hope Easy Walkers are back at it, every Friday in November! If you would like to join the group for a leisurely 45-minute, creek-side walk, be at the church by 9:30 AM on any Friday in November. We will carpool to the Arboretum and return to the church when we are done. Contact Bill Carpenter at (704) 219-1893 or billcarpenter53@gmail.com.

Prayer Cards for Guatemala Travelers

On November 13-20, Susan Maveety, Janet Black, Tom Fife, Virginia Hebert, and Kim Wells will be in Guatemala visiting our sister church, El Divino Salvador. We have a tradition of giving teams short notes and cards before they leave so that they can open them while they're away and know that we are thinking of them and praying for them. Please bring a note or card to church no later than next Sunday, November 10. You may write to individuals or to the whole team.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, November 10 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, November 6.

Calendar

Sun	3	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)
Tue	5	9:30 AM	Soul of Aging
		6:00 PM	Building & Grounds
Wed	6	3:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting
		5:00 PM	Outreach
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sat	9	10:30 AM	Men's Brunch Bunch
Sun	10	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)

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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
November 3, 2019
11 o'clock



"Rooted in the Communion of the Saints"

Third in the Series:



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith ..."
(Hebrews 12:1-2)