

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Cecil F. Alexander

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of gods,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;

who alone does great wonders,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;

who by understanding made the heavens,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;

who spread out the earth on the waters,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;

who made the great lights,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;

the sun to rule over the day,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;

the moon and stars to rule over the night,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever.

It is God who remembered us in our low estate,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;

and rescued us from our foes,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever;

who gives food to all flesh,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of heaven,
 for God's steadfast love endures forever.

*** HYMN 712** "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

*** CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

**God of abundant grace, you have lavished us with rich
 nutrients into which we are invited to grow our roots.**

**Yet, we often prefer to feed on spiritually empty calories,
 or even things that taste good at first,**

but that end up poisoning us.

**We have forgotten the blessing of your nourishment,
 and our gratitude has withered.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, uproot us from our false securities,
 and reestablish us in the fertile soil of your grace,**

that we might bear good fruit for you and others,

and abound in thanksgiving.

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 Psalm 100, p. 481 (OT)

ANTHEM *How Great Thou Art* Stuart K. Shine

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder

Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.

When I look down from lofty grandeur,

and hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in

That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing

He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart

Then I shall bow with humble adoration

And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. *Refrain*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 2:6-7, p. 957 (NT)

SERMON "Rooted in Gratitude"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** HYMN 654 & 643** "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of

our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion

of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy

One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve ...

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 Self-Offering & Commissioning of Guatemala Mission Team

You are invited to place your 2020 Pledge Card along with your offering in

a basket as they are passed. Pledge cards that have already been submitted

will be brought forward by the ushers to be dedicated.

Offertory *Alleluia* W.A. Mozart

*** Doxology** (Hymnal, back page)

*** Litany for Dedication Sunday**

O God, we come to you joyfully to grow our roots deep.

We are growing in Christ, our nourishment and strength!

We come with these offerings and our pledges for next year.

We are abounding in gratitude for all your good gifts!

We come that our giving might deepen our roots.

We come to be established in you, for the sake of the world!

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

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 *Crown Him With Many Crowns* George J. Elvey

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: Ken Meeks
Today's greeters: Herschel and Linda Lewis
Today's ushers: Bill and Terri Carpenter

Today is Dedication Sunday! Today we are dedicating our 2020 pledges to God in worship. If you need a pledge card, simply request one from one of our ushers. You can also send a confidential email with your pledge information to our Financial Secretary, Jay Maveety, at jay.maveety@gmail.com. Next Sunday we will announce how much has been pledged for next year. Thank you for your generosity!

"You Meant it for Evil, God Meant it for Good"

Join Jim Chatham next Sunday, November 17 as he leads us through Genesis chapters 37-50, one of the Bible's most moving narratives about forgiveness, reconciliation, and God's providence. We will walk through the narrative together, paying special attention to how the editor concludes it, and asking what it says to us about who God is and who we are. We meet in the downstairs classroom at 9:30 AM.

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.

November Fellowship Luncheon

Our fellowship luncheon on November 17 is all about our very own New Hope family Thanksgiving. The church will provide roasted turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. If you come, and bring a vegetable, a salad or a dessert, we are in business! If you are not able to bring anything but your sweet self, that is more than enough! There will be PLENTY of food. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, November 17 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, November 13.

Calendar

Sun	10	12:45	PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)
Wed	13	7:00	PM	Choir Practice
Sun	17	9:30	AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00	AM	Worship
		12:30	PM	Fellowship Luncheon

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"

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 2019
11 o'clock



"Rooted in Gratitude"

Last in the Series:



"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."
(Colossians 2:6-7)