

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The Old Rugged Cross* arr. Jenifer Cook

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

When we have become too well-adjusted to our culture, God says,
“My love can transform your being and your doing.”

When we define ourselves by what we have or possess,
or by what we have achieved, God says,
**“You were made in my image and will always be one
of my beloved.”**

When we get tired of all our trying, God says,
**“My love is free and unconditional;
it is nothing you can earn by all your striving.”**

God calls us to put on the mind of Christ.

**With the help of the Spirit, may we become more Christ-
like in all we that we are and do.**

Let us open our hearts, or minds, our very selves,
so we can hear God speak to us this day.

**Let us receive with humility and meekness the word that
has the power to save our souls.**

* HYMN 451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you have created us and called us to take on
the mind of Christ.**

**Yet, we confess that we have found it easier to take on the
values of society.**

**You offer us the opportunity to be transformed from the
inside-out, but we have become well-adjusted to our
culture—to the exterior world—without even thinking.**

**You tell us we are your beloved and are made in your
image, yet we continue to root our identity, our very**

being, in what we have, rather than in who we are.

**We recognize, O God, what you want for us,
yet we choose to conform to this world.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, open us to the truth of your transforming love,
that we might become the person you created us to be.**

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 138, p. 503 (OT)

ANTHEM *Ride On, King Jesus* arr. John Eggert

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can hinder me.

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can hinder me.

King Jesus rides on a milk white horse, no man can hinder me;

The river Jordan he did cross, no man can hinder me.

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can hinder me.

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can hinder me.

If you want to find your way to God, no man can hinder me;

The Gospel highway must be trod, no man can hinder me.

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can hinder me.

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can hinder me.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:1-2, 9-18, p. 922-923 (NT)

SERMON “The Transforming Love of God”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 701 “Lord, Prepare Me”

* AFFIRMATION 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 *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* arr. Philip Keveren

* *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 697 “Take My Life”

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Paul said, the fruit of the Spirit is

**Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, and self-control.**

As we are transformed by God’s love may we live by the Spirit.

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* Jeremiah Clarke

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

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: Susan Garrett

Today's greeters: Mike and Susan Garrett

Today's ushers: Laura Brown and Kim Presley

Today we welcome Russ Moxley to the pulpit! Russ is an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church and first served University Park United Methodist Church of Dallas, Texas, as the Associate Pastor for Youth and Families. His calling in ministry then turned to leadership development, and he was trained as a facilitator by an organization called the Center for Courage & Renewal, founded by Parker Palmer. He has led formation retreats with pre-K-12 teachers, educational leaders, health care leaders, and clergy leaders. Until 2002, Russ was a senior fellow at the Center for Creative Leadership, and then he served as a part-time faculty member there until 2018. He is also the author of *Leadership and Spirit* and *Becoming a Leader is Becoming Yourself*. Russ and his wife, Jean, live at Givens and together share six daughters and twelve grandchildren.

Today is our November Fellowship Luncheon

Our fellowship luncheon is today after worship. This luncheon is all about our very own New Hope family Thanksgiving. The church will provide roasted turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. There will be PLENTY of food. Hope to see everyone there!

2020 Stewardship Campaign Update

2020 Operating Fund pledges made	50
2020 Operating Pledge Total	\$163,032
2020 Member Contribution Budget Goal	\$175,000

“Mary Treasured All These Things...”

Join us next Sunday, November 24 at 9:30 AM, as we prepare for the season of Advent in December. Join Jim Chatham once again as we explore the opening chapters of the Gospel of Luke and see how Luke uses the Joseph story in Genesis to interpret Jesus's life ... and also ours.

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.

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.

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, November 23 at J.K's on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship. Questions? Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, November 24 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, November 20.

Calendar

Sun	17	12:45	PM	Fellowship Luncheon
Tue	19	9:30	AM	Soul of Aging
Wed	20	7:00	PM	Choir Practice
Sat	23	10:30	AM	Men's Brunch Bunch
Sun	24	9:30	AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00	AM	Worship
		12:30	PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (See Tom Fife)

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“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2019
11 o'clock



“The Transforming Love of God”



“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

(Romans 12:2)