

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus* arr. Philip Keveren

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We welcome you, those who are weary.

Come, find rest for your heart's restlessness.

We welcome you, those who are doubtful.

Come, find wisdom for your unknowing.

We welcome you, those who are struggling.

Come, find strength for your journey.

We welcome you, those who are seeking.

Come, find trust in the One who holds you.

* **HYMN 702** "Christ Be Beside Me"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you claim the totality of our lives.

**Yet, when we face the foolish wisdom of the cross,
we, like Peter, ask for an alternative.**

**When we hear the absurdity of your covenant with us,
we, like Sarah, laugh.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By the power of your Spirit, transform us,
that we, like Jesus, might live your lowliness.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 137 "He Came Down"

He came down that we may have love (three times)

Hallelujah forevermore

He came down that we may have light ...

He came down that we may have peace ...

He came down that we may have joy ...

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 58:1-9a, *p. 600-601 (OT)*

ANTHEM *Thank You God, For Loving Me* Ralph Long

Thank You, God, for loving me. Thank You, God, for family.

In the light and in the night, you always care for me.

Through my joy and through my tears, you're a friend who
always hears. Thank You, God, for loving me, for loving me.

Thank You, God, for giving me ears to hear and eyes to see,
Hand to touch and lips to sing, you made all of me.

For friendship and for so much more, you're the one that I
adore. Thank You, God, for loving me, for loving me.

Thank You, God, for loving me. Thank You, God, You set me
free. By Your life and by your grace, I'm yours eternally.

Even when I go astray, you are there to show the way,
Thank You, God for loving me, for loving me.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5, *p. 926-927 (NT)*

SERMON "A Community Called to Cruciformity"
Called to Community: Studies in 1 Corinthians 1-3

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN 629** "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967*

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

A Garden

James Lang

* *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 BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch

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: Peggy Olney

Today's greeters: Janet and Austin Ferrell

Today's ushers: Jay and Susan Maveety

Today's fellowship: Virginia Hebert

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch today!

We will be going to Olive Garden. See Tom Fife for details.

Next New Members Class

Our next new members' class is coming up this month! Interested in learning more about New Hope Presbyterian Church and the possibility of membership? If you have not already been in touch with Kim, contact her at pastornhpc@gmail.com for more information.

Church Photo Directory Shoot Today!

If you did not have your picture taken at one of the photo shoots we did in December, please plan to come down after worship today, and let us take your picture. If you are a church member, staff member, or regular visitor, you are part of the NHPC community. We want your face! If you are unable to be photographed today but still want to be included, please contact Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

Called to Community: Sermon Series on 1 Corinthians 1-3

What kind of community does God call us to be as the Body of Christ? Writing to the division-fraught church in Corinth, the apostle Paul lays out a rich and sweeping vision of a community that is called and held together by Christ. Join us as we explore some of the essential qualities that Christian communities are called to cultivate:

Feb 9: "A Community Called to Cruciformity" (1 Cor 2:1-5)

Feb 16: "A Community Called to Wisdom" (1 Cor 2:6-3:4)

Feb 23: "A Community Called to Belonging" (1 Cor 3:5-23)

Sunday Morning Class: Listening to African American Theologians

Join Russ Moxley and Kim Wells for the four Sundays of February (Black History Month) as we listen to and learn from African American theologians such as Howard Thurman, Martin Luther King, Jr., James Cone, and M. Shawn Copeland. Though the course will conclude on February 23, our call to reconciliation continues. To that end, in conjunction with the Justice and Reconciliation Committee, we will be offering activities in the months to come such as a visit to the Shiloh neighborhood, a possible trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham and to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, and the exploration of shared activities with a local African American church.

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, February 15 at J.K's on Long Shoals. Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday Proceeds

Thank you to Kim Presley and Carole Burnette for preparing and selling their delicious soup on Souper Bowl Sunday. We raised \$707! All proceeds will be sent to MANNA Food Bank to help reduce food insecurity. This is our 22nd consecutive year participating in the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Thank you for your support.

Fellowship Luncheon Next Sunday, February 16

Love is in air and nothing says Valentine's Day like tomato soup and a grilled cheese sandwich! (OK, maybe that is just in Indiana.) In any case, join us for the fellowship luncheon immediately following worship next Sunday, February 16. The soups and sandwiches will be provided and will be followed by an incredible assortment of red and chocolate desserts.... assuming YOU bring them! Please sign up in the narthex. Questions? Contact Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, February 16 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, February 12.

Calendar

Sun	9	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	Directory Photo Shoot
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom)
		2:30 PM	Elder Training
Wed	11	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	12	4:30 PM	Finance & Administration
		5:00 PM	Outreach
Sat	15	10:30 AM	Men's Brunch Bunch
Sun	16	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Fellowship Luncheon

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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"

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2020
11 o'clock



"A Community Called to Cruciformity"

Fourth in the Series:

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"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2)