

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me* A.B. Warner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 403 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 448 “Peace of God Be With You”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 13, p. 429-430 (OT)

ANTHEM *Wade In The Water* Traditional
Franklin Keel, Cellist

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:4-21, p. 922-923 (NT)

SERMON “Bountiful Community”
God Deals Bountifully with Us in the “How Long?” Seasons

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *The Swan* C. Saint-Saens

Doxology Hymn 582

Prayer of Dedication

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 733 “We All Are One in Mission”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *When the Saints Go Marching In* Traditional

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: Pat Koonts
Today’s greeters: Leslie Hillman and Margaret Marsh
Today’s ushers: Bill Carpenter and Glenn Limbird

A Season of Bounty

For more than a year we have found ourselves asking, “How long?” How long will it be until the pandemic ends? How long will it be until we can fully return to church life without restrictions? How long will it be before our personal hardships are over? How long will it be until God’s righteousness, justice, and peace are lived out around the world? In Psalm 13, the Psalmist begins by lifting up this same question to God in prayer: “How long, O Lord?” And yet, in this same Psalm, even after pouring out a list of laments, the Psalmist shifts from pain and sorrow to confidence in God’s steadfast love, joyfully proclaiming, “God has dealt bountifully with me!” Can the Psalmist’s profession of faith in God’s bounty be ours as well? Join us over the next four weeks as we look for God’s bounty in unexpected places.

Pledge Cards

Pledge cards for 2022 were recently sent out to members and friends who have given previously. Didn't get one? Contact Erin in the church office at (828) 274-0191 or officenewhope@gmail.com. She would be happy to mail one to you or send you a digital copy by email for download. We invite you prayerfully to consider your pledge for next year.

Dedication Sunday, November 14

On Sunday, November 14, we will be dedicating our 2022 pledges to God in worship. You can turn in your pledge card anytime on or before that date. It will be a celebration of bounty! Thank you for your generosity.

Equal Exchange

Through the Presbyterian Coffee Project at Equal Exchange, we are able to purchase organic, fairly-traded products at discounted wholesale case prices, ensuring that more of the money you spend on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who actually grow it. New Hope offers a variety of coffee products, tea, and chocolate bars. Take a moment to shop after church. If there is something that you are interested in, but we do not have, please contact Susan Maveety at (828) 628-0840 or by email at susan.maveety@gmail.com.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, November 7 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, November 3.

New Hope COVID Policy

Mask Up! Whether you are vaccinated or not vaccinated you need to wear a mask while inside the church.

Please sanitize your hands upon entry. Hand sanitizer is available at all entry points and in various other locations around the building. Remember to keep your hands washed as needed.

Please stay away from church IF you are sick, have COVID symptoms, have been exposed to someone with COVID, or have been out of the country. Then, please wait two weeks before returning. We invite you to join us for worship online in the meantime!

Please do not move any of the chairs in the sanctuary. Our new seating layout took a lot of exact measuring and effort to set up, so we would appreciate it if you would refrain from moving seats.

Please observe a “touchless” Passing of the Peace of Christ.

While individuals may use their own discretion about accepting hugs and handshakes outside of the sanctuary, during the passing of the peace we will refrain from touching so that those who aren't comfortable with that yet aren't put on the spot. (And, when you're outside the sanctuary, please ask before you hug someone to make sure they're comfortable.)

Please do not let the Narthex get crowded. We will not be serving coffee or food after worship for now. As you leave the sanctuary, please make a conscious effort to help the Narthex not get too crowded by spreading into outdoor spaces to socialize if a lot of people are present.

Please refrain from using drinking fountains. If you're thirsty, you are welcome to get a glass of water to drink from the kitchen downstairs.

Please know that the Session may change this policy, either by loosening or tightening these restrictions, as circumstances change.

Bear with one another in love (Colossians 3:13-14). In any community, there are different opinions about how to go about doing things. We know that some folks wish we had more restrictions, while others wish we had fewer. The above is the Session's best discernment about how to care for our congregation in worship while taking this first step.

Glorify God and enjoy God! The PC (USA)'s Westminster Catechism teaches that our bottom line, main purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy God forever. Enjoyment is central to our life of faith! So, as we come together to worship in the sanctuary, let us glorify and enjoy God together!

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-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 31, 2021
11 o'clock



“Bountiful Community”



“So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another”
(Romans 12:5)