

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather At The River* Robert Lowry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Hymn 78

For the first Sunday in Lent, the piano plays through once, then the soloist sings verse 1, and then the congregation repeats verse 1:

1 You thirst - y ones, come to the spring! Have you no mon - ey?
Come, buy wine and milk; come, buy and eat with - out a
price or sum, with - out a price or sum.

Jesus went to a mountaintop to pray.

Jesus went into the cities to heal.

Jesus put out from the water's edge to teach.

**Jesus went to many such places of connection,
but Jesus also went into the wilderness.**

If today you are in the wilderness too,
feeling the dryness of the desert,
then know this:

There is nowhere we can go where he has not already gone.

**When Jesus was in the desert, he was not alone:
the Holy Spirit filled him.**

When we are in the desert, we are not alone:
God's grace fills us.

Let us worship God!

HYMN 479 "Ho, All Who Thirst"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Creator God, you made us to live a full and expansive life.
Yet, when we think of full and expansive living,
we often think about indulging our growing appetites,
increasing our power for more control,
and buying ourselves more comfort.

Forgive us, O God.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
teach us new ways to think about the full life:
receiving grace that sets free and overflows,
finding freedom from the old life-draining habits,
and discovering new energy to love boldly.

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 466 (repeated) "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 26:1-11, *p. 158-159 (OT)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 4:1-13, *p. 835 (NT)*

SERMON "Full to the Brim: Even in the Desert"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe God is love.

We believe God's love is overflowing.

We believe Jesus gives us living water.

We believe his living water is running toward us.

We believe the Holy Spirit is poured into our hearts.

We believe that outpouring fills us with abundance.

We believe the wilderness is real.

We believe the desert is lonely.

We believe that Jesus has been there.

We trust that we do not walk alone.

Even in the desert, God is with us.

Even in the desert, we are loved.

Even in the desert, this love overflows.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Melody from Orpheus and Eurydice C. W. Gluck

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.

God who knows us, we are amazed by you ...

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.

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*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 *Spring from The Four Seasons* A. Vivaldi

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: Janet Ferrell
Today's greeters: Bunk Spann
Today's ushers: Jay and Susan Maveety

MANNA Food Bank

We have a group that serves monthly at MANNA Food Bank throughout the year. Come join our New Hope volunteer team on the second Tuesday of every month from 4:15-5:30 PM. Our next date is coming up on Tuesday, March 8. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities getting food ready for those who need it. You can join us just one time, on a regular monthly basis, or whenever you can. Questions? Contact leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Trinity Shelter Items Needed

A low-barrier winter shelter has opened at Trinity Methodist Church in West Asheville for women, intact families/couples, and individuals with special needs. The need for shelter has become particularly dire for unhoused people due to the city's removal of several tent cities. We will be collecting non-perishable breakfast and lunch items such as individually wrapped crackers, chips, trail mixes, energy bars, breakfast bars, and fruit cups. We are also collecting small, hotel-sized containers of shampoo and soap. You are invited to drop off donated items at the church through next Sunday, March 13.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, March 13 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, March 9.

New Hope COVID Policy

Mask Up! Everyone, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, is required to wear a mask while inside the church.

Air Purifier in the Sanctuary

In order to increase our safety in the sanctuary, we have purchased an air purifier, a Medify MA-112, which has a medical-grade HEPA filter and ionizer. It is able to filter particles as small as 0.1 microns (the coronavirus is slightly larger at 0.125 microns). It also provides about two complete air exchanges per worship service.

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 any symptoms of illness, or have a known exposure to someone with COVID.

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.

Communion: Communion servers are vaccinated and will wear masks and sanitize hands. Juice will be served in individual glass cups, and pieces of bread will be served with tongs. Please follow the ushers' directions in coming forward and return to your seats with your elements in hand. Please wait until the pastor indicates that it is time to partake, and we will all partake together.

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

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"

First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022
11 o'clock



"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness."
(Luke 4:1)