

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Sweet Hour Of Prayer* W.W. Walford

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Hymn 78

For the second Sunday in Lent, the piano plays through once, then the soloist sings verse 1, and then the congregation repeats verse 1-2:

1 You thirst - y ones, come to the spring! Have you no mon - ey?
2 Why do you work and earn and spend on that which is not

Come, buy wine and milk; come, buy and eat with - out a bread?
O lis - ten now and come to me; eat what is

price or sum, with - out a price or sum.
good in - stead; eat what is good in - stead.

We come to God, our mothering hen,
who gathers us under her wings.
We come to God, our gentle nurse,
who tenderly cares for us.
We come to God, our life-giver,
who has compassion on the children of her womb.
We come to God, who guides our steps,
and leads us with bands of love.
We come to God, our hearts wide open—
let us worship God!

HYMN 440 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you keep on keeping on.
Jesus kept on sharing good news.
Jesus kept on releasing captives.**

Jesus kept on healing people.
Jesus kept on loving people who didn’t love him back.
Persevering God, you keep on loving, but we do not.
We give up hope. Our strength runs out.
We forget that you are there to fill us up again.
Forgive us.

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 Psalm 27:1-6, p. 437 (OT)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 13:31-35, p. 849 (NT)

SERMON “Full to the Brim: Under God’s Wing”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *a modern paraphrase of Psalm 27*

**The Lord is my light.
The Lord surrounds me in layers of grace.
Whom shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the sturdy foundation beneath me
and the roof above my head.
I am not afraid.**

**When the world is at its worst—
when grief clings to my bones,
when fear eats at my confidence,
when loneliness moves into my house—
God sets the table,
turns on the lights,
and invites me to dance.**

So even though there are days that feel too heavy to bear,
I know I am not alone.
I ask the Lord,
I seek and I pray—
let me live in your house all of my days!

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Arioso* J.S. Bach

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 43 “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands* 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: Angela Lepro
Today’s greeter: Woody Ferrell
Today’s usher: Kim Presley

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

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. Today is the last day to drop off donated items at the church.

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, March 19 at J.K's on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship. Questions? Contact Bruce Rasmussen at (828) 633-0327.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, March 20 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, March 16.

Today's Prayer for Illumination & Affirmation of Faith are adapted from liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed. The cover art was designed by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman with original photography by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity.
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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"

Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022
11 o'clock



"How often I have desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under wings..." (Luke 13:34)