

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude in G* J.S. Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Hymn 78

*For the fifth Sunday in Lent, the piano plays through once, the soloist sings verse 1, and then the congregation repeats verses 1-5:*

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  
3 This food de-lights and sat - is - fies, the food your God can  
4 Re - turn while God may still be found, and call while God will  
5 My word like heav - en's snow de-scends; it falls like heav-en's

Come, buy wine and milk; come, buy and eat with - out a  
bread? O lis - ten now and come to me; eat what is  
give; in - cline your ear and come to me; O hear that  
hear; now let the wick - ed quit their ways while yet the  
rain; it wa - ters all the thirst - y earth and shall not

price or sum, with - out a price or sum.  
good in - stead; eat what is good in - stead.  
you may live; O hear that you may live.  
Lord is near, while yet the Lord is near.  
go in vain, and shall not go in vain.

A single grain falls into the earth.

**The rain waters, the seasons turn.**

Husk and hull, brush and chaff—the old life dies.

**The sun shines, the earth warms.**

Bran and germ, new roots and shoots—the new life grows.

**The plant matures, the fruit is borne.**

Jesus is nearing the hour of his death—  
**falling like a seed.**

Jesus foresees the fruit of his death—  
**for unless a grain falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains a single grain,  
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

Jesus dies, we live.

**Let us worship God!**

**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

### \* HYMN 515

“I Come with Joy”

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

Everlasting God, in you there is no variation  
or shadow due to change.

Yet, we cling instead to things that are fleeting—  
they turn to dust in our hands,  
and still we keep an iron grip on them.

We prefer our familiar securities to your abiding presence.

Forgive us, O God.

By the power of your Spirit, help us to open our hands,  
to let go of what we cannot keep from changing.

Help us to open our eyes,  
to see the new gifts that the winds of change bring,  
even while our eyes are still wet with the tears we  
have wept for what we have had to let go.

*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 Jeremiah 31:31-34, *p. 642 (OT)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 12:20-26, *p. 875 (NT)*

SERMON “A Tale of Two Gardens”

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11

We believe in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And, being found in human form,  
he humbled himself,  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Offering*

*Offertory*

*I Believe*

Ervin Drake

*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.**

O God, we thank 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 531** “Seed, Scattered and Sown”

*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** *This Train* 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:** Andy Morse  
**Today’s greeters:** Bunk and Nancy Spann  
**Today’s ushers:** Jay and Susan Maveety

### MANNA Food Bank

Come join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on Tuesday, April 12, from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville). Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

### Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

On Palm Sunday we will be receiving one of our denomination’s annual special offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self Development of People. Checks should be made out to New Hope Presbyterian Church with OGHS in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

### Bring cut flowers to worship on Easter Sunday

On Easter, our tradition is to bring cut flowers and place them in a wire cross, which we then leave outside by the road as a witness to the Easter hope we experience here at New Hope. Please bring some cut flowers to worship on Easter Sunday to help fill the wire cross.

### Ordering Easter Flowers

You are invited to purchase Easter flowers for the sanctuary in honor of a loved one. Cost per order is \$8. Forms are available in the Narthex. Deadline for ordering is April 10.

### Spring Clean-Up

Spring clean-up will be Saturday, April 23 at 9:30 AM and will be finished by lunch time. Come help us clean up the yard, wash the windows, dust off the kitchen counters and enjoy being together like the old days! Questions? Contact Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com or by phone (704) 219-1893. This activity isn’t available on line!

### Attention Walkers

Are you interested in being part of a walking group? We hope to have something for both slow strolling walk-and-talkers and a quicker break-a-sweat group. Day and time to be determined based on interest. Contact Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com or by phone at (704) 219-1893, if you feel called to MOVE!

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, April 10 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, April 6.

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

**Please stay away from church if** you are sick, have any symptoms of illness, or have a known exposure to someone with COVID.

**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.

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### New Hope Presbyterian Church

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## New Hope Presbyterian Church

“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 3, 2022  
11 o’clock



### “A Tale of Two Gardens”



“Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

(John 12:24)