

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Pavane* Maurice Ravel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, sit with me: let us delve into the Scriptures.

Together we shall read and ask our questions.

Come, kneel with me: let us open ourselves to God.

Together we shall listen for God's voice.

Come, walk with me: let us take the risk of following Jesus.

Together we shall see the world through his eyes.

Come, live the good news with me: let us be vessels of the Spirit.

Together we shall part the waters and know joy.

Come, worship with me: let us praise our Maker.

Together we shall worship God!

* **HYMN 263** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, you have created us to be a people,

and we rejoice in the gift of one another!

However, though we say we value community,

our actions reveal that often we'd prefer to go it alone.

We are reluctant to ask for help.

We like the freedom to make our own plans.

Do we really want to be known

if it means that our need is also revealed?

Do we really want to unite with others

if it means we'll have to make compromises?

Suddenly community feels risky and messy,

and we retreat from our call to one another.

Forgive us, O God.

May the Spirit have its way with us,

sending us, stilling us, changing us.

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 22:25-31, p. 435 (OT)

ANTHEM

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Jill Jackson-Miller

Let there be peace on earth,

And let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth,

The Peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator,

Neighbors all are we.

Let me walk with my neighbor

In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me.

Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take,

Let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live

Each moment in peace eternally,

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40, p. 890-891 (NT)

SERMON

"Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch"

* HYMN 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to

pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional

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 450**

"Be Thou My Vision"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Imagine

John Lennon

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: Jay Maveety

Today's greeters: Bunk and Nancy Spann

Today's ushers: Jay and Susan Maveety

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Asheville Tourists Game June 3

It's that time again, a night at the ballpark with your New Hope friends! Please come and join us on Friday, June 3, at 6:35 PM. Tickets are only \$8.00. Cash only please. See Bill Carpenter in the Narthex after worship to purchase yours or email Bill at billcarpenter53@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

Pentecost Luncheon on June 5

Pentecost is coming up on Sunday, June 5, and we will be celebrating with a return to our fellowship luncheons downstairs in the Fellowship Hall! We have sorely missed this aspect of our life together over the last two years, so we are really looking forward to breaking bread together again. Ham and beverages will be provided, and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. There will also be a donation basket. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Pentecost Offering June 5

On Sunday, June 5 we will be receiving our denominations' annual Pentecost Offering, which provides hope for children at risk, opportunities for youth and young adults to grow in their faith, and short-term mission service options for young adults. New Hope retains 40% of the offering for a children's, youth, or young adult ministry of our choice.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, June 5 are due to Administrator Erin May by noon on Wednesday, June 1.

Vax up or mask up: masking is now optional for those who are vaccinated.

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

Praying for Guatemalan Families

Sophia and Obispo are pillars of our sister church, El Divino Salvador, where Obispo serves as one of four elders on the Session. Together they had nine children, but only five are still living. Sophia worked many years as a cook on the coffee plantation, but due to problems with one of her eyes, she had to quit her work outside the home. She had several surgeries to correct the problem, but eventually lost her eye. Obispo, like most men of our community, spent his working years on the coffee plantation. In addition to being an elder, he has served many years on the church's Scholarship Committee.



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”

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022
11 o'clock



“Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch”

Fourth in the Series: Everyday Easter People



Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”
The eunuch replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?”
(Acts 8:30b-31)