

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Michael Row Your Boat Ashore* Traditional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 80:1-3*

Give ear, O Shepherd, you who lead us like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
**Restore us, O God—let your face shine,
that we may be saved.**

* HYMN 32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 306, vv. 1 & 5 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 5:1-7, p. 552 (OT)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 12:49-56, p. 848 (NT)

SERMON “Social Climate Change”

* HYMN 163 “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Naima* John Coltrane

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 384 “Soon and Very Soon”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Down By the Riverside* 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: Margot Coleman

Today’s greeters: Woody & Janet Ferrell

Today’s usher: Bill Carpenter

We welcome Charles Lichtenberger as our guest pianist today.

We welcome Ed Hillman as our guest preacher today! An ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church, Ed currently serves as the head chaplain across the street at Givens Estates. Ed is an associate member at New Hope, and his wife Leslie is a member and a greeter. Their dog Rocky has made it into several of our online worship videos.

Pastoral Coverage in August

Kim will be on vacation until August 28 (but back in time for the picnic at Lake Julian on the evening of August 28). Deck Guess will be preaching next Sunday, August 21, followed by Ken Meeks on August 28. Ken will also be providing emergency pastoral care while Kim is away. Contact Ken at (706) 202-8821 or kenep56@gmail.com.

Men’s Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, August 20 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.

Sunday, August 28: Lake Julian Picnic

Our late-summer tradition continues! Join us at 5 PM on Sunday, August 28 for a picnic dinner followed by a vespers service by the lake. The church will provide the main dish and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and don't forget your lawn chair!

September at the Arboretum

Stay tuned for info and the date of our September evening at the Arboretum! Bring your lawn chair and some snacks, enjoy some great fellowship and live music, and take a stroll through the beautiful gardens. We will carpool so that everyone can ride with a pass holder.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, August 21 are due to Administrator Erin May by noon on Wednesday, August 17.

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.

New Hope Presbyterian Church

“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022
11 o'clock



“Social Climate Change”



“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!” (Luke 12:49)

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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