

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* John Dykes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from *The Book of Common Worship*

God holds the heavens in God's hand,
and all the stars rejoice in God's glory.

God comes in the sunrise and the song of morn,
and blesses the splendor of the noonday.

The stars in their courses magnify God,
and day and night tell of God's glory.

God's peace blows over the earth,
and the breath of God's mouth fills all space.

God's voice comes in the thunder of the storm,
and the song of the wind whispers God's majesty.

God satisfies all living things with God's abundance,
and our hearts bow at God's presence.

Bend over us, Eternal Love, and bless us,
and receive our songs of wonder and praise!

*** HYMN 20** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*** CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God-For-Us, you have promised us that nothing can
separate us from the love of Christ.**

**Your love is constant, but our minds wander from
your care, and the road gets complicated.**

**Whether today we are confused or certain,
comforted by a deep trust or feeling unhinged,
walking by the light of the noonday sun,
or in thick fog settled in precarious crags,
or by the dim light of a thin moon at midnight,
help us to know your guiding presence with us,
and gather our thoughts to your faithful love,
that we might receive in order to give.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 466 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 100 (OT)

ANTHEM *A Jubilant Song* Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Refrain: Cantate Domino canticum novum,
Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!
Cantate Domino canticum novum
Omnis terra. Sing to the Lord all the earth! *Repeat Refrain*

Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands!

Let the hills sing together for joy!

Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice,

For the Lord is greatly to be praised!

Proclaim God's salvation!

Declare God's great glory!

Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise! *Refrain*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:8-9 (NT)

SERMON "Whatever Is Worthy of Praise"
Fourth in the Series: "Surpassing Value: More from the Letter of Joy"

*** HYMN 650** "O Beauty Ever Ancient"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

**We believe in God whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a
human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was
crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and
whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious
promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are
sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust;
and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit
ourselves to the service of others, to seek justice and
to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the
commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the
freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of
love, and in the company of the faithful, so to be the
church, for the glory of God. Amen.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Jesus Loves Me* Anna B. Warren

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 366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Standing On the Promises* Russell Carter

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: Margaret Marsh

Today's greeters: Margaret Marsh and Pat Koonts

Today's ushers: Jay and Susan Maveety

Today: 2023 Guatemala Trip Meeting

We are having a preliminary meeting after worship today to begin planning our trip to Guatemala in January 2023. We will talk about what to expect and answer any questions you might have about visiting Guatemala and our sister church. Bring your calendars!

Thursday, September 29: An Evening at the Arboretum

We hope you will join us on Thursday, September 29 from 5:30-8:30 PM for an evening of music and fellowship at the Arboretum's Baker Event Lawn. Bring a chair and snacks and stay as long as you wish! The Bent Creek Bistro will be closed, but you can place an order by 11 AM on the 29th to be picked up at the Baker Information Desk between 5:30-6:30 PM. There will be a place to purchase drinks near the event. The concert is free, but parking fees or a pass will be taken at the entrance. If you do not have a pass, please contact Margaret Marsh at (256) 565-8075, and she will arrange for you to ride with a pass holder. For more information, go to ncarboretum.org and click on "Exhibits and Events." You will see a listing of musicians (however, they are subject to change). What a wonderful way to spend an evening enjoying our beautiful mountains and each other!

Men's Brunch Bunch

Men's brunch bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, October 1 at Abeja's House Cafe on Hendersonville Road. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship. Questions? Contact Bruce Rasmussen at (828) 633-0327.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, October 2 are due to Administrator Erin May by noon on Wednesday, September 28.

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"

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022
11 o'clock



"Whatever Is Worthy of Praise"



"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

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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