GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
When we call upon the Lord, God comes to us to save us.
God's abundant love endures forever.
When our hearts are troubled, God comes to us with blessings.
God's extravagant love endures forever.
When our spirits struggle and are discouraged, God comes to us with healing.
God's generous love endures forever.
When our lives are overwhelmed, God comes as a courageous Spirit.
God's forgiving love endures forever. Let us worship God with grateful hearts!

*** HYMN 611** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*** CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of blessing, save us from all we own. Help us to live in the truth that what we have is not important to you, nor should it be to us. Teach us not to hoard, but to share, trusting in your providence. Free us to live in the sufficient abundance of food, clothes and shelter you intend for all of your people, that we might free others to live accordingly. In the name of your Son, our gracious teacher. Amen.

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

*** SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

Hymn 466 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bold font indicates congregational participation.
***** You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 55:1-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 12:15-21

SERMON "We Talk to Ourselves"
Sixth in the Series: Being Human

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 711 "Lord of All Good"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*adapted from the United Church of Canada)*

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating; who has come to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence; to live with respect in creation; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus' message of hope, inclusion and grace. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self Offering

Offertory

** 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 716** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

END OF WORSHIP … BEGINNING OF SERVICE

We light three 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. The third candle is the Peace, Hope, and Justice candle, which began in South Africa as an anti-Apartheid candle and now calls us to pray for injustices at home and around the world.

Liturgist:	Linda Pressley
Greeters:	Jean and Russ Moxley
Ushers:	Susan and Jay Maveety
Guest Musician:	Austin Ferrell, Percussion
Guest Pianist:	Gabrielle Tee

Pastoral Care in Pastor Kim's Absence
Pastor Kim has established a tentative return to New Hope of early to mid-November. Until her return, please direct any urgent pastor care issues to your Deacon or to the on-call pastor. Susie Watson-Burns is the on-call pastor for the month of October. She can be reached at (828) 450-0650. The on-call pastor for November until Kim returns is still to be determined. Thank you for your patience during this time of healing.

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley: Guest Pastor
Kim is so grateful that Ashley is stepping in through November 1 as our guest pastor. Our congregation will be truly blessed! Ashley is a recently retired United Methodist minister who has pastored churches in North Carolina and Minnesota. She has also served as a hospital chaplain and District Superintendent. Ashley's ministry passions are preaching and worship, community building, social justice.

Parking Lot Closure
The church parking lot will be closed tomorrow, Monday October 26 and Tuesday October 27 for resealing.

Follow-up to the Intergenerational Ministry Survey
Are you a storyteller? Do you do woodworking? Are you interested in helping plan modifications to help congregants hear and see better in worship? Do you have construction experience? Do you have interior design experience? Can you sew or craft out of felt? Would you be open to joining a workday to prepare a space for children? Would you

enjoy being part of a short-term committee to improve mobility pathways and accessibility for congregants? Can you bring snacks once per month?

Thank you for contributing your ideas, wishes, and dreams through the Intergenerational Ministry Survey. The desires of the congregation are clear; now it is time to make plans to meet the expressed needs. Some tasks will be one-time needs, others once per month, and others call for longer service. New Hope is a congregation with a long history of strong volunteerism, service, and a can-do community spirit. How can your gifts and interests help support ministry that accommodates all ages and a wide variety of physical needs?

Kindly help us gather information to plan through--yes--another survey. This one WILL collect your personal contact information so that we can reach out to you. It will only take you a few minutes to fill out the survey, but your responses will help Janice, Kim and Session members design ministry offerings that will be sustainable and meet New Hope's needs for years to come.

You'll find the New Hope Gift & Interest Survey at:
https://forms.gle/QQEkzuv14xy9s9vT6

Kindly fill out the survey by **Monday, October 26.** Thank you!

PDA Update
This week, NHPC's Team Reid welcomed six volunteers from Montpelier Presbyterian Church in Wagram, North Carolina, who brought skill and a generous spirit of service to repairing a mobile home in Leicester. Working alongside owners living in part of the home, the crew removed water-soaked carpet, damaged drywall, and flooring down to the support beams in the living room, adjoining bathroom, and bedroom. They repaired walls and beams, added insulation, and installed a new subfloor to help make the home safe and sturdy again. As team leader and pastor Pat Ramsden said, "It looks a lot easier on HGTV!" We're grateful for the crew's faithful work, good humor, and care for our neighbors—and blessed to partner with them in mission.

Healing and Wholeness Service – November 8
The Justice and Reconciliation Committee invites you to a Healing and Wholeness service: Nov. 8 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. This will be a brief service focusing on healing brokenness and embracing wholeness. We will have music, readings and prayer stations offering opportunities for showing gratitude and sharing ministries, prayers for justice and hope, prayers for forgiveness and healing. We look forward to this important, healing event. We hope to see you there! Contact Betsy Finger at betsfinger@gmail.com for more information.

Homeward Bound Donation Drive in November
During the month of November, including Friendsgiving on November 22, we will be collecting shelf-stable food items and toiletries for Homeward Bound, a non-profit organization whose mission is to prevent and end homelessness in our community. They will use our food donations for residents of Compass Point Village, a long-term residence for the most vulnerable in our community. Our toiletry donations will go to AHOPE Day Center, that serves as a starting point for those experiencing homelessness while providing showers, lockers, clothing, etc. Beginning November 1, bring your donated items and place them in the labeled bins in the Narthex. Here are the items for donation:

<u>Shelf-stable food (no canned goods)</u>
macaroni and cheese
shelf-stable milk
cereal
rice
beans

<u>Toiletries (travel size only)</u>
shampoo/conditioner
bar soap
body wash
chapstick
toothbrush/toothpaste

Fall Cleanup Day November 21
Mark your calendar! Fall Cleanup Day Saturday, November 21 from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, November 1 are due to Administrator Lynne Petty by noon on Wednesday, October 28.

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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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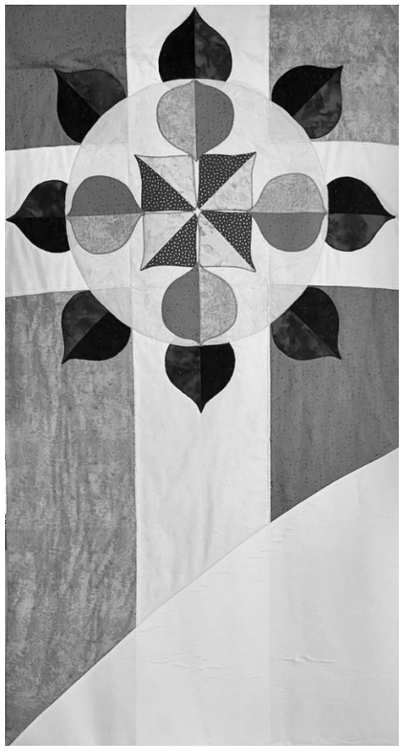
"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026
11 o'clock

"We Talk to Ourselves"

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