

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* John Newton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

God of all seeing,  
**open our eyes.**  
God of all understanding,  
**help us see the truth.**  
God of all relationships,  
**draw us to you personally.**  
God of all guidance,  
**direct our passions.**  
God of all sending,  
**show us our calling.**

\* HYMN 666 “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

### \* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**O God, you have created us;  
we are fearfully and wonderfully made,  
created in Christ for good works.**  
**Yet, we often used the gifts you have given us,  
not for your purposes, but for ours.**  
**Forgive us, O God.**  
**By your Spirit, give our passions the shape of holy love,  
that we might give ourselves wholly to you,  
and to our neighbor.**

*Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon*

### \* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 240, refrain only (twice) “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to his name.**

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**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 3:9-10; 4:10-12, p. 44-45 (OT)

ANTHEM *Praise the Lord, our God, Forever* W. A. Mozart

Praise the Lord, our God forever!  
Praise the Lord, our God forever!  
Let us rejoice with heart and voice  
And sing His praises evermore.  
Alleluia, praise His name!  
Alleluia, praise His name!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9:1-20, p. 893 (NT)

SERMON “Paul: from Enemy to Friend”  
*Peter, Paul, and Mary: Resurrection Tour 2019*

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* HYMN 662 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967* (9.10)

**The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God’s reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Offering*

*Offertory* *Deep River* arr. Philip Keveren

\* *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 543 “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 240, refrain only “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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POSTLUDE *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands* arr. P. Keveren

## 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:** Herschel & Linda Lewis

**Today’s ushers:** Kim Sluder & Tracy Owensby

### Guatemalan-Themed May Fellowship Luncheon Today

Come join us today after worship, for our monthly fellowship luncheon. May is all about Guatemala, and Susan Maveety will bring us up to date on what is happening with our long standing Presbyterian mission in that place. The church will provide a Guatemalan-themed meal. Please come even if you have not brought a side dish—all are welcome!

### MANNA Food Bank

Join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on the second Tuesday of every month from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities getting food ready for those who need it. You can join us just one time, on a regular monthly basis, or whenever you can. Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

### Habitat for Humanity Restore Workday

We are adding another monthly service activity to the New Hope calendar! Beginning in June, we are adding a Habitat for Humanity Restore workday on the third Thursday of every month from 2 to 4 PM. Mark your calendars and join us!

### Volunteers Needed for Room in the Inn

We are still looking for some volunteer help for Room in the Inn on May 25. If you are available to help please contact Susan Maveety at (828) 768-5475 or susan.maveety@gmail.com.

### “Going Back to the Roots”: Sunday Morning Class in May

Spring is here, buds are unfolding in showers of color, and the soil is soft and ready for planting. What better time to go back to the roots, to humankind’s first vocation to “till and keep” the garden? This month, join Pastor Kim for our 9:30 AM Sunday morning class as we explore what Genesis and other scriptures have to say about our relationship to the earth and all its creatures. We will explore the meaning of biblical (and often controversial) concepts such as dominion, the command to “fill the earth and subdue it,” what to eat (and what not to eat), and our relationship to all creatures great and small. We will also look at the impact of “the Fall” with a view toward restoration and renewal.

### Worship Arts Team

Do you have a creative eye? Have you ever thought about applying your creative insight to worship? For example, if you were told that our worship theme for Lent was going to be “wilderness,” what ideas might you have for how we might decorate the sanctuary? The Worship Committee is seeking to form a worship arts team that would help come up with creative ideas for decorating our worship spaces for special liturgical occasions like Lent, Pentecost, and Advent. Interested in finding out more? Contact Laura Brown at (828) 335-6000 or llbrown888@gmail.com.

### Sanctuary Flowers

Did you know you can bring flowers any Sunday to brighten up the Sanctuary? There is a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. You can also specify if you’d like them to be in memory or honor of a loved one. There are plenty of available dates left.

**Men’s Brunch Bunch** meets at 10:30 AM this Saturday, May 25, at J.K.’s on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship. Please join us! Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

### Pentecost Offering June 2

On Sunday, June 2 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, May 26 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, May 22.

### Calendar

Sun	19	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:15 PM	Fellowship Luncheon
Mon	20	5:30 PM	Session
Wed	22	3:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	23	2:00 PM	Spirituality Circle
Sat	25	10:30 AM	Men’s Brunch Bunch
Sun	26	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Vera Crumley)

### 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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# New Hope Presbyterian Church

“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 19, 2019  
11 o’clock



## “Paul: from Enemy to Friend”

Third in the Series:



“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”  
Acts 9:4