

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Hymn 778

Piano plays through once, choir sings verse 1, congregation repeats verse 1:

1 As pants the deer for liv - ing streams, in dry or des - ert space,
 I thirst for you, O liv - ing God; I long to see your face!
 O how I miss the hap - py days when with the throng I'd praise!

Refrain
 Take cour - age now, my trem - bling heart, for God will take your part!

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, in Christ you took on humanity's own suffering.
 Yet, we don't want to take up our cross when love requires it.
 Forgive us, O God, and renew us by the power of your Spirit,
 that we may stay the course of love, overcoming evil with good.**

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon, then the congregation sings:

4 O send your light to guide me home; my Sav - ior, guide me still.
 With shout - ing pil - grims I will come to climb your ho - ly hill.
 Then with the harp I'll sing your praise; my hap - py voice I'll raise.

Refrain
 Take cour - age now, my trem - bling heart, for God will take your part!

*** SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

Hymn 466 (repeated)

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
 You alone, O Lord, are holy.
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17, p. 2 (OT)

ANTHEM

I Will Always Be With You

Joseph M. Martin

Through the nights you feel alone, I'll be there to sing a song.
 In the shadows falling, hear my spirit calling, song unending.
 Even 'til the end of time, I will always be with you.

In the chill of winter snow, even then my love will show.
 In that love I'll hold you, in my arms enfold you, grace unending.
 Even 'til the end of time, I will always be with you.

In the deepest valley, call and I'll be there.

All your sorrows I will bear.

Look to the clouds or the bottom of the sea.

I'll still be loving you. I'll still be giving faithfully.

I will wipe away each tear, cast away your ev'ry fear.

All your pain will cease. I will give you peace, peace unending.

Near my heart I'll lay Thee down, where my love and peace abound.

In the quiet mountains, by the gentle fountains, life unending.

Even 'til the end of time, I will always be with you.

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11, p. 785 (NT)

SERMON

"Going Deeper Into Our Hunger"

Going Deeper

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** HYMN 167**

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and

buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

You'll Never Walk Alone

arr. Phillip Keveren

* *Doxology*

(Hymnal, back page)

* *Prayer of Dedication*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks ...

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

The Words of Institution

The Feast

All the bread we serve is gluten-free, and our juice is non-fermented.

501 "Feed Us, Lord"

507 "Come to the Table of Grace"

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* **HYMN 541** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward with your monthly 5-cents-a-meal offering to fight hunger, both here and throughout the world. Please place your cash or check in the soup can by the Communion Table.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Isaac Watts

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: Paul Galbreath
Today’s greeters: Herschel and Linda Lewis
Today’s ushers: Bill Higgins and Glenn Limbird
Today’s fellowship: Mike and Susan Garrett

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch today! We will be going to Post 25. See John Riley for details.

Lenten Theme: “Going Deeper”

Lent is a season of preparation for the events of Holy Week, when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Contemplating the meaning of these events can often feel like a wilderness journey, but in the midst of that desert, Jesus points us to a well, from which we are invited to draw deeply and drink from the waters of the Holy Spirit. Join us this season as we “go deeper” in our relationship with God.

“Going Deeper” Activity Card

This Lenten season, there are many opportunities for “going deeper” here at New Hope. See the enclosed “Going Deeper” activity card for a listing of Lenten opportunities in the areas of worship, prayer, faith formation, the arts, and loving our neighbor.

Sunday Morning Class on the Gospel of Mark

Join Charlie Davidson at 9:30 AM on Sundays through April 5 as he leads us in a study of the Gospel of Mark. Imagine you are living in the last quarter of the first century A.D. in the city of Rome. Imagine, too, as one interpreter put it, that “suffering and death are not merely

concepts which one could hold at a safe distance.” For now, unexpectedly, you are being called by the risen Jesus to “take up your cross and follow” him “immediately,” just as he had summoned the martyred Peter and Paul and the rest of his first followers to do. Your decision is laden with great risk and potential misunderstanding. So Mark has written his Gospel to share with you the “good news” (evangel) of Jesus’s gift of faith and sight to you, that in trust and courage you may follow him in the face of your fear, right now.

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.

March Fellowship Luncheon

March comes with St Patrick’s Day and a fellowship luncheon to celebrate everything Irish! Please join us after worship on March 15 for corned beef, cabbage, shepherd’s pie and possibly some Irish stew. If you are able, please bring a side, salad, dessert or pot of gold to share.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, March 8 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, March 4.

Calendar

Sun	1	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)
Wed	4	5:00 PM	Outreach
		6:00 PM	Worship Committee
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	5	7:00 PM	Justice & Reconciliation
Sun	8	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)

New Hope Presbyterian Church

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“Including, Renewing, Serving”

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *There Is a Redeemer* Melody Green

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Hymn 78

For the first Sunday in Lent, the piano plays through once, then the choir sings verse 1, and then the congregation repeats verse 1:

1 You thirst - y ones, come to the spring! Have you no mon - ey?
Come, buy wine and milk; come, buy and eat with - out a
price or sum, with - out a price or sum.

Leader and people then share in the following spoken call and response:

Leader: Jesus prepared for his ministry in the world by following the Spirit into the wilderness.

People: **We prepare for Holy Week and Easter by following the Spirit into the wilderness of Lent.**

Leader: When Jesus struggled in the wilderness, the angels came and waited on him.

People: **When we struggle in the wilderness, Jesus points us to a well, from which he invites us to drink.**

* **HYMN 479** “Ho, All Who Thirst”

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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