

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Etude In A Minor* Kay Foster

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary.

Praise God in the vault of heaven!

Praise God in the earth and skies.

Shout and sing praises to God!

We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!

* **HYMN 196** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart

and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* **SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

Hymn 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 1:4-8, p. 994-995 (NT)

ANTHEM *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* P. Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that our unity will one day be restored,

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,

And we'll guard each person's dignity and save each person's pride,

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 5:27-32, p. 889 (NT)

SERMON "Visual Aids"

* **HYMN 692** "Spirit, Open My Heart"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news

to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word

and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and

binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the

gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this

Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking

the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life

eternal.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Nearer My God To Thee* arr. Michael Bailey

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 821** "My Life Flows On"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jazz Etude #2* M. Dvorak

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: Joy Lee Eppes

Today's greeter: Margaret Marsh

Today's ushers: Bill Carpenter and Glenn Limbird

Today we welcome Rev. Deck Guess as our guest preacher. A

retired PC(USA) pastor, Deck has served churches in Mississippi,

Florida, and both Carolinas—most recently as the Interim Pastor at

Banner Elk Presbyterian Church. He now lives in Arden with his wife

Deb and has worshiped with us several times. He and Deb have four

children and one grandchild. He enjoys hiking, playing tennis and

pickleball (anyone interested?), working with fused and stained

glass, writing, and doting on his grandchild.

Today is The Lake Julian Picnic!

Join us after church today at 1:00 PM for a spring picnic at Lake Julian. We will provide rotisserie chicken and beverages and ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. Hope to see everyone there!

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

MANNA Food Bank

Come join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on Tuesday, May 10, from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville). Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, May 1 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, April 27.

Vax up or mask up: masking is now optional for those who are vaccinated.

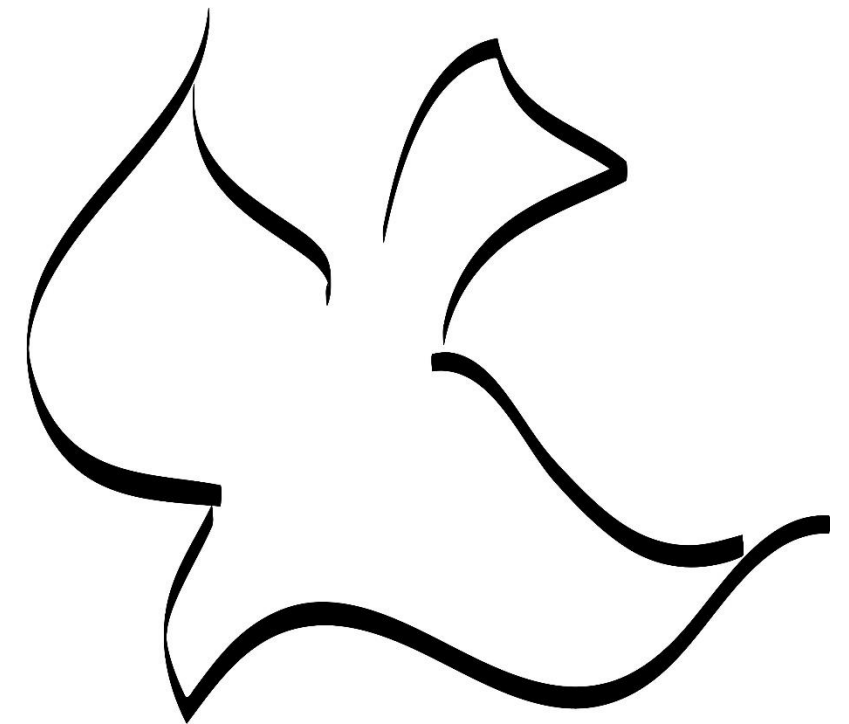
Please stay away from church if you are sick, have any symptoms of illness, or have a known exposure to someone with COVID.

*New Hope
Presbyterian Church*
“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022
11 o’clock



“Visual Aids”



“We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”
(Acts 5:32)

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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