

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *O, How I Love Jesus* by Frederick Whitfield

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come O Holy Spirit.

Come as Holy Fire and burn in us.

Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within.

Come as Holy Light and lead us.

Come as Holy Truth and give us wisdom.

Come as Holy Power and enable our weakness.

Come as Holy Life and breathe within us.

**Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world.**

* **HYMN 282** “Come Down, O Love Divine”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sighing Spirit, when we sigh, you sigh.

**When we groan in our suffering,
you groan along with us.**

**When we do not know how to pray,
you pray for us in a language beyond words.**

**Yet, we confess that when we sigh, we think we are alone;
when we groan, we wonder if you are there;
when words fail us, we think that prayer has ceased.**

Forgive us.

**Holy Spirit, fill our weakness with your strength,
our lack of knowledge with your wisdom,
and our discouragement with your hope.**

**May our groaning and your sighing be joined together
in one holy prayer for wholeness.**

May your sighing within us join us to love beyond measure.

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 288 (2 times) “Spirit of the Living God”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:1-13

ANTHEM *The Lord Is My Light* by Frances Allitsen

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 8:22-27

SERMON “Pentecostal Sighing”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Questions to New Members

Profession of Faith from *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made
flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and
nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He
descended into the earth, to the place of death. On the third
day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be
everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal
fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and
forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life.
Amen.**

Welcome

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self Offering

Offertory *Be Still* by Mary McDonald

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am with you.

Be still and know that I will comfort you
when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am here for you;
And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Come unto Me, My child, be still,
And know that I will give you rest, I am present in your pain
and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am with you.

Be still and know that I will comfort you
when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am here for you;
And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Peace I leave with you; My peace, I give unto you.

Peace. Peace. Peace.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still. Be still. Be still.

* *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 291** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Amen* Traditional

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.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit

Today's guest musician: Will Jones, M.D.
Today's liturgist: Ed Hillman
Today's greeters: Janet and Woody Ferrell
Today's ushers: Kim Presley and Laura Brown

Special Offering: Pentecost

Today we will be receiving our denomination's 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. Envelopes for this special offering are on the usher's table where the bulletins are placed.

Summer Spirit Starts Today!

At New Hope, the season of the Spirit begins on Pentecost and lasts all summer long! Join us for a whole summer of "spirited" activities, which are detailed on our Summer Spirit calendar. Put it up on your refrigerator and join us when you can!

Summer Spirit Kickoff: Pentecost Luncheon Today

Join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Pentecost and the kick-off of Summer Spirit! We are looking forward to this time of fellowship as we enjoy our favorite salads and desserts.

Today We Welcome Our New Members!

Joining New Hope in our spring new members class are: John (associate member) & Mary Bickerstaff, Frank & Shelia Chapman, Janet Edwards (affiliate member), Betsy Finger (affiliate member) & Rich Vanderveen, Jean Harley, Tricia Hynes, Dave & Mary Lou Nash, Linda Pressley, Carlyn Rich, and Mary Williamson.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, May 26 are due to Administrator Lynne Petty by noon on Wednesday, May 22.

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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.

Session Members

Terri Carpenter (2025)
Woody Ferrell (2025)
Virginia Hebert (2024)
Susan Maveety (2024)
Barbara McLean (2026)
Andy Morse (2026)
Jean Moxley (2024)
Nan Riley (2026)
Nancy Spann (2025)
Kim Wells (Moderator)

Deacons

Bill Carpenter (2024)
Janet Ferrell (2025)
Tom Fife (2026)
Ann Moorefield (2024)
Cal Reid (2026)
Karen Ward (2025)

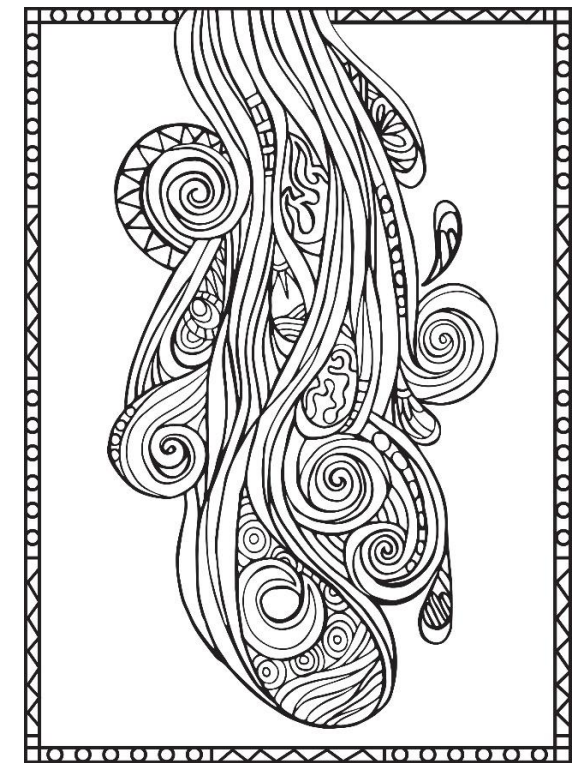
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Day of Pentecost
May 19, 2024
11 o'clock



"Pentecostal Sighing"



"...that very spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."
(Romans 8:26)