



"It wasn't shared social status or ethnicity that brought Jesus' followers together...nor was it total agreement on exactly who this Jesus character was—a prophet? the Messiah? the Son of God? No, if there is one thing that connected all these dissimilar people together it was a shared sense of need: a hunger, a thirst, a longing. It was the certainty that, when Jesus said he came for the sick, this meant Jesus came for me."

*—Rachel Held Evans
Searching for Sunday, p. 92*

September 18, 2016

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE

We are grateful you have joined us today and invite you to participate fully in the worship, education, and mission life of our church.

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins and hearing enhancement equipment are available for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services, because faith is formed by the practices that shape it. Red worship bags for young children (non-readers) and blue bags for older children (readers) may be found on the wall outside the sanctuary. An usher will help you locate one. If you would like a worship bag with your child's name on it, you may fill out a request form on the Information Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the infant nursery on the first floor and the Pre-K nursery on the lower-level.

Worship Feast, an experience to help elementary-age children develop awareness of God's presence and openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices, is available during the 11:00 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. They will exit by the side (north) door and be escorted to the lower-level.

Preparing for worship...Please silence cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. The need may arise for you to exit the service early. If so, please refrain from exiting during prayers, reading of scripture and choral anthems. Natural and appropriate exit points are during congregational hymns or sung responses. Your courtesy is appreciated. Also, as a kindness to fellow worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: (8:45) Rick Cassetta, Rick Etling, Ken Pinley. (11:00) Earl & Juanita Bostic, Mark & Jennifer Everly, Ken Pinkley, Joe Seidler.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in memory of Alma Kuhlow, given by Lynne Snyder.

Sound Booth: (8:45) Mark Phillips (11:00) Russell Dittmar

Last Sunday's Attendance: 165

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Information Table in the foyer.

New Hope Cares

For pastoral care and to notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the church office at 636/936.2200 (lbrown@nhpres.org). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@nhpres.org or 936.2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2016

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence electronic devices.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The start of the Prelude signals the time to enter a period of quiet reflection.
This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.*

Faithful God, through Jesus Christ
we have come to trust in you
and rejoice that you call us your own.
Help us to be more faithful
with the gifts you entrust to us,
turning away from worldly wealth
to worship and serve you alone.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDREDETH LM

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*OPENING SENTENCES

+ *HYMN 805

Come Sing to God

ELLACOMBE

*THE CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess
that have not turned away from sin.
We seek our own self-interest
instead of serving others.
We glorify power and wealth
instead of worshiping you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us to treasure your gifts
and to seek the good of all,**

**so that we may be a blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Worshippers may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Glory Be to the Father (Glory to God 581)*

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Amos 8: 4-7

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION 369 *Blessing and Honor (v.3)*

O QUANTA QUALIA

***Ever ascending the song and the joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise:
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.***

GOSPEL READING Luke 16: 1-13

THE ALLELUIA 587

CELTIC ALLELUIA

***Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

☞ In silent prayer and reflection you may renew the covenant into which you are baptized. If you would like to learn more about this sacrament, Pastor James would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about it.

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,

...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,

...Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and ends with the Lord's Prayer...

...Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

☞Coming to the Table—Ushers will invite worshipers to the Lord's Table by rows. All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles.

☞Receiving the elements—You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread first, and then proceed to partake of the juice separately from the tray of individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available with Pastor James from the plate in his left hand.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 716

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



In the details...

The banner to the left of the chancel represents the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" is not to connote "mundane," but refers rather to the counting of the days using ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.). The whole of the church year can be understood to be an annual rehearsal of the history of salvation as seen in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to new life. Ordinary Time consists of those days outside of the major festival seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. This is the time when scriptures about Jesus' life and ministry are read in worship, when our life in the church is marked by spiritual growth, which gives reason for the color of ordinary time (green for growth).

In the banner, the Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) are the first and last letters, respectively, of the Greek alphabet (the original language of the New Testament). Taken together, they represent God's sacred time which spans between the beginning of time at creation and the ending of time at the consummation of all that is. Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13). Chronos, secular, human time is designated by the sundial.

The blue "living water hearts" first appeared at our Pentecost festival, and then in worship over the following several weeks. Through prayer, young and old poured their hearts and hopes for discipleship over them. They now line the chancel wall, filled with these prayers and our commitment to live out our baptism in ways as varied as we are. These hearts flow from the empty cross to the windows which open onto a world into which we are sent to be God's love and serve others. May they embolden us to "walk wet" as Christ's hands and feet for our world in need.

"I've Been Wondering..."

What if I feel moved to receive Communion, but am not baptized?

The Lord's Supper and Baptism are inseparable. If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to meet Christ in Communion, we believe that you are also being called to Baptism. We will not turn anyone away from the Lord's Table, but we do invite you to speak to the pastor or a member of the Session about Baptism as soon as possible.

For more information about the relationship between Baptism and the Lord's Supper, see the Presbyterian Church (USA) Directory for Worship (especially W-2.4006 and W-2.4011) and *Invitation to Christ: A Guide to Sacramental Practices*, available online at www.pcusa.org/sacraments.

PRAYERS

of Joy

For the marriage of Daniel Salter to Ali Straka in Wilmette, Illinois (September 4)

for Healing & Wholeness

Vi Boyd	Michelle Dugger (great-niece of Jan Parker)
Rachael Harlan (friend of Donna Huffman)	Arnold Sanders (grandfather of Marion Hamilton)
David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)	Dorothy Morgan (mother of Vicky Koonley)
Lena Morgan (Vicky Koonley's aunt)	Sheri Clayton
Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)	Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)
Chris Hanson (Marion Hamilton's father)	Tasia Pumphrey Iglesias (cousin of Vicky Koonley)
Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)	Edd Mackin
Dot Mandrell (friend of Ruth Reilly)	Win Hill (grandson-in-law of Sue Stiegemeier)
Michelle Doerr (daughter-in-law of Carl & Carolyn Doerr)	Lauren Jansen
Jim McLaughlin (Jim Salter's cousin)	Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)
Maddix Muldoon (Laurie Meinert's cousin)	W.T. Bryant, cancer (nephew of Sue White)
Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)	Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)
Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)	Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)
Sally Usai	Kathy Freeman
Charles Carson (father of Ann Ray)	Bob Mudrovic, recovering from stroke
Janice Funk (sister of Sue White)	Bob Koehler (brother of Elaine Barbee & Ruth Connor)
	Richard Amos, cancer (co-worker of Chris Meinert)

for the Grieving

Mike Dame and family on the death of his aunt, Charlotte P. Warren (September 11)
Larry & Cathy Holder and family on the death of Cathy's mother, Lucy Johnson (August 13)
Randy & Sylvia Malta and family on the death of his nephew, Dion Jackson (July 30)
Theresa Edwards on the death of her husband; and Lee, Tom & Cara Edwards on the death of their father, Ronald Edwards (July 16)
Vicky & Rick Koonley and family on the death of her aunt, Doodie Beard (June 30)
Larry & Cathy Holder and family on the death of his mother, Violet Holder (June 3)

for the World & its People

Victims of the earthquake in Italy
Victims of flooding in Louisiana
Victims of the attack in Nice, France
Victims and families of the terrorist attack in Turkey
Victims and families of the attack in Orlando
Victims of tornados in Oklahoma and flooding in Missouri
Syrian refugees

Affirmers (preparing for Affirmation of Baptism)

Sharon Barnes	Leigh Lindahl-Truett
Bill Douglas	Alyssa Murray
Jeanie Douglas	Liz Rache
Grace Harmon	Todd Rasche



Striving to welcome, worship, grow, serve, and be God's love in the world.

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*
Mike Greene, *Pianist*
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Kelly Brueggemann, *Child Care Provider*
Sharon & Melissa Lukes, *Child Care Providers*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

Session

2016
Sam Connor
Linda Dencker
Shelley Geiger
Craig Graber
Bill Pires
Jim Salter

2017
Jim Cox
Jennifer Everly
Clark Hurrell
Lynne Snyder
Margo Van Mill

2018
Bryan Eikmann
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session
Cindy Martin
Del Phillips
Rick Waldo

Diaconate

2016
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Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley
Jan Parker

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