

New Hope
Presbyterian Church



A Service of Commissioning

August 30, 2009

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2009

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

+PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.

+GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

William Moore

+*DOXOLOGY & OPENING PRAYER

***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.***

+*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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*THE CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER

God of compassion,

you have written your law on our hearts.

We are slow to read it there.

Instead, we honor you with our lips:

We pray long prayers.

We sing hymns, but do not notice the words.

“How are you?” we ask; but we do not listen.

“Peace be with you,” we say; but we mean, “Hello.”

Our hearts are far from you.

O God, forgive us.

Fill us with genuine love.

Help us to honor you with our hearts

in worship and in faithful living.

(You may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with: “The peace of Christ be with you,” responding, “And also with you.”

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

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PSALTER

Psalm 15

Those who live in truth and love abide in the Lord.

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**

who do not slander with their tongue,

and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

but who honor those who fear the LORD;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

who do not lend money at interest,

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

James 1: 17-27

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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SERMON

Gifted Givers

Dr. James

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP

In silent prayer and reflection you may renew the covenant into which you are baptized.

If you have not been to the waters of baptism and would like to learn more about this sacrament,

Pastor James would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about it.

*HYMN

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COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

CALL TO DISCIPLESHP

Rhonda Gaines, Director of the Preschool

Linda Burlingham

Suzan Reed

Patty Weber

Lori Christensen

Heather Robbins

Danielle White

Barbara DeVries

Shelley Schneider

Alice Wittich

Rita McQuade

Karen Sievers

Melissa Young

Christen Moeller

Kris Stauser

Carla Zerbolio

Robin Thomas

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—*the Apostles' Creed*

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTIONS OF THE TEACHERS AND LEADERS

Teachers and leaders of the New Hope Presbyterian Preschool, as you nurture the youngest of children in our community, will you tell them the stories of Jesus and show them the love of God?

Will you prepare for each day to provide the keys for our children to unlock the gifts of intellect, skill, relationships and potential that are within them?

And will you serve with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

We will, with God's help.

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the congregation of the New Hope Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to these before you as teachers and leaders of our Preschool in the service of Jesus Christ?

Will you support them in this ministry through your encouragement and prayers?

We do and we will.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

CHARGE & BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me / Angels Watching Over Me

Jan Parker

arr. Mike Greene & Jan Parker

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

DUET

I Then Shall Live

Jean Sibelius

Jan Parker, soprano Tom Snider, baritone

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)



For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la-bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prais-es; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

THE SENDING

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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*All who are able may stand.

+Those arriving may be seated.

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 of it, you may fill out a request form on the Welcome Table or call the church office (936-2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the infant nursery on the first floor and the toddler nursery on the lower level.

Preparing for Worship... Please turn off cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. Welcome and make room for those who arrive as the service is beginning and afterward. The need may arise for you to exit the service early. As a matter of consideration and respect, please refrain from exiting during prayers, reading scripture, and choral anthems. Natural and appropriate exit points are during congregational hymns or sung responses. Your consideration is appreciated. Also, as a kindness to fellow worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

During the Offering please pass the Fellowship of Friendship pads so that all worshipers may greet one another by name as well as provide updated contact information.

All loose coins in the offering plates each week go toward a local or global mission outreach as designated by the Mission Committee on a monthly basis.

Ushering for today's worship: Sr. High Youth

If You Are New to New Hope

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

Sunday morning Christian education for all ages begins on Sunday, September 13 at 9:45 a.m. (between the worship services).

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 (newhopepresby@juno.com). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at 636/936-2200 x.11.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796–1867); alt.

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

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Unison

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes (1938-); para. John 13:35

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All Things Bright and Beautiful

English melody, 17th century
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915
Harm. for *The Hymnbook*, 1953

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,

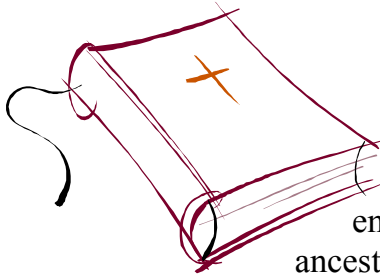
Fine

All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all.

1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run-ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright-ens up the sky,
The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.
How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.*

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9



4 So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. **2** You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

6 You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” **7** For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? **8** And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

9 But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children....

JAMES 1:17-27

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. **18** In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; **20** for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. **21** Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. **23** For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; **24** for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. **25** But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act--they will be blessed in their doing.

26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. **27** Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” 6 He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
7 in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

21 “For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

August 30, 2009

Liturgist: Barbara Smith

Flowers: Mark & Jennifer Everly

To the glory of God and in celebration of their 24th anniversary.

Mel Fairchild & Mattie Sue West

To the glory of God and in celebration of their 5th anniversary.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 245

**In Our Prayers...*

In the Military:

Jamie Holmes, Air Force

Jacob Jones, Army

Logan & Anita Phillips, Army

Ken Smith, Army

Bryan Yarde, Merchant Marine Academy

Tim Fogarty (Barb Lynn's son)

Kyle Turner, Army (Sally Usai's grandson)

**For a complete list of ongoing prayer concerns,
please pick up a copy of "In Our Prayers" on the Welcome Table.*