



We believe that Jesus calls us to be His faithful disciples by welcoming all people, serving others and sharing generously.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20th, 2026

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: **Let us rejoice, and be glad in it!**

PRELUDE

“Speak, O Lord”

Getty/Townend

Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

WE PREPARE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

ALL: We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

ONE: We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

ALL: We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

ONE: We come to you, O God, as we are and all we long to be.

***HYMN**

“For The Beauty Of The Earth”

No. 14

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of delight, God of great and God of small, we confess that we have grown numb to the beauty of this world. We have not protected what is good and true and enchanting. We have forgotten how to marvel at the mundane with the same gravity as we would behold the mountain or the valley. And all too often, we have grown numb to our own worth and the worth of our neighbors. In our self-hatred, we have failed to delight in and honor the faces we pass each day, including our own. Forgive us our inattention, and in your mercy remind us that we are so much more than our pain. Guide our gaze toward the beauty of your love in and through Christ Jesus our Lord. *(Silence for Personal Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

As God offers us the peace of Christ, let us now offer the peace to one another:

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

Please share the peace with those around you.

OUR RESPONSE*"In His Time"**

Diane Ball

In His time, in His time, He makes all things beautiful, in His time.
Lord please show me ev'ry day, As You're teaching me Your way,
That You do just what You say, In Your time.

In Your time, in Your time, You make all things beautiful
In Your time. Lord, my life to You I bring,
May each song I have to sing, Be to You a lovely thing, in Your time.

Lord please show me ev'ry day, As You're teaching me Your way,
That You do just what You say, In Your time.

WE LISTEN**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Rev. Dr. Robert Evans

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 20: 7-12

p. 708

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!**ANTHEM****"Goodness of God"**

Fielding/B.Johnson/Cash/Ingram/J.Johnson

SECOND READING

Mark 9: 14-29

p. 919

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!**SERMON****"A Lover's Quarrel"**

Rev. Dr. Robert Evans

WE RESPOND***HYMN****"Be Still My Soul"**

No. 819

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHApostles' 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they 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 OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (W&R) No. 4

***DOXOLOGY** No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me" No. 775

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me" (Reprise) No. 775

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.

If you need childcare, please see an usher.

THE LIFE OF NEW HOPE CHURCH

If you are visiting with us and would like more information about New Hope Presbyterian Church, or are interested in membership, please speak to the minister.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Jean Piercy, Liturgist
Dean Newkirk, Music Director