



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

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11th, 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

“We Will Glorify”

(W&R) No. 337

Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

WE PREPARE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, we gather to worship the Living God.

People: **Through God, we have hope that hunger will end, disease will be cured and wars will cease, bringing abundance of life to all.**

Leader: Children of God, we are invited to the banquet. A place has been set for you at the table. Our cups will overflow.

People: **We worship and give thanks. As we do, we invite others to sit at the table with us. Let us offer our prayers and praise to God!**

ALL: **Let us Worship God**

***HYMN**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 475

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we confess that we are not ready, nor do we feel prepared, for your holy realm. You have saved us, yet we make false gods for ourselves in the form of material things, people, and doing what feels good at the time. You are the one who has called us, yet we are more interested in responding to a text message, a phone call, or a social media post. We make excuses, we resist your mighty claim on our lives, and we fail to invite and inspire others to walk alongside us in faithfulness. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your way and rejoice in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord...(silent confession)...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God loves us, forgives us, and gives us new life. Knowing you are a new creation, set free from the bondage of sin.

Thanks be to God! Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

One: 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!

All: And also with you!

Please share the peace with those around you.

***OUR RESPONSE**

“Where Everybody Knows Your Name”

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Barbara Anti

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25: 1, 6-9

p. 639

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“He”

Mullan/Richards

SECOND READING

Matthew 22: 1-14

p. 877

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Invitations and Intentions”

Rev. Lauren Vanacore

WE RESPOND

***HYMN**

“Blessed Assurance”

No. 839

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Apostle’s 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

"Take My Life And Let It Be"

No. 697

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

"To God Be The Glory"

No. 634

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"To God Be The Glory"

(Reprise)

No. 634

***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

Leslie Saucedo, Liturgist

Dean Newkirk, Music Director