



New Hope Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
September 5, 2026

Welcome to New Hope Church - we're glad you are here to worship with us today! If you're not a member, we invite you to join our church family.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

† Opening Sentences

- L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes
P: **And I will observe it to the end.**
L: Give me understanding, that I may observe the law
P: **And observe it with my whole heart.**
L: Lead me in the path of your commandments,
P: **For I delight in it.**
L: Turn my heart to your decrees
P: **In your righteousness be gracious to me.**

† Opening Hymn "To God Be the Glory" GtG #634

† *Indicates where those who are able may stand.*

† Prayer of Humility

L: As we worship God, let us take time to honestly name the ways that we have fallen short, collectively and individually. Trusting in the gracious mercy of our Lord, let us confess together:

P: **Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly, and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We've made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We've tuned out voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust. Amen.**

Silent reflection.

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin and live. By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven.

P: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

† Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

P: **Holy Spirit, open our eyes and our ears, our minds and our hearts, that we may hear your Word, walk in your ways, and truly live. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

p. 104

L: The Word of The Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

p. 1527

L: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: **Christ's name be praised.**

Sermon

Pastor Brenda

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

P: 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 to 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.

† Responsive Hymn

GtG #754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Time of Self-Offering with Offertory

† Doxology

† Prayer of Dedication

P: God, these offerings seem insignificant in light of all that you have offered us. We give because you gave. We love because you first loved us. Receive our gifts and our lives, and use them, we pray, for your reconciling work in the world you love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer

P: 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.

SENDING THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD WITH THE WORD

† Closing Hymn "O for a World" GtG #372

† Blessing and Response GtG #80
 "The Trees of the Field"

† Postlude

