

New Hope Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
January 17, 2021
DEDICATE THE NEW BANNERS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTERLUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, all of you who long for light – for we want to see the light shining in the midst of the darkness.

Come, all of you who want your joy increased – for we yearn to be filled with this joy.

Come, all of you who are carrying heavy burdens – for we have many to offer. Take them from us, Lord.

Come, all who need a savior – for we are seeking the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Prince of Peace.

Come, let us worship the Lord – for we are here to praise the Lord!

HYMN #92 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (PAT – please use
Hyfrydol tune)

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that promised rest.

Take away our bent to sinning,

Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Verse 4

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee:

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise!

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CALL TO CONFESSION:

Let us confess together as we pray in Spirit, these words:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Good Lord, we believe that you have begun a good work in each one of us. You have created us, giving us gifts that we are called to share with others. And still, we sometimes fail to remember your Spirit at work in our lives, let alone reflect the goodness you have created in each one of us. We have chosen to stay focused on our needs instead of your needs. We have been wrapped up in our ways instead of following your way. Forgive us, O Lord.

Take away our sin. Set us on a new and right path again. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News. The Lord God of Israel has looked favorably upon his people. A mighty Savior has been raised up. He has redeemed us. Salvation has come through the forgiveness of our sins. In the name of this Holy One, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Insistent God, by night and day you summon your slumbering people, so stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry. For His sake we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

139:1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

139:2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

139:3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

139:4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

139:5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

139:6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

139:13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

139:15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

139:16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

139:17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

139:18 I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.

John 1:43-51

1:43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

1:45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

1:46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

1:47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

1:48 Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

1:49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

1:50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

1:51 And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

All scripture New International Version, through biblegateway.com, accessed on January 3, 2021.

REFLECTION

DEDICATION OF NEW BANNERS

TIME OF SELF-OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE W/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #726 (Glory to God Hymnal) "The Summons"

Verse 1

"Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?"

Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"

Verse 2

"Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?"

Will you risk the hostile stare;
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?"

Verse 3

"Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?"

Will you kiss the leper clean,

and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?"

Verse 4

"Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

Verse 5

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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