



New Hope Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Patricia Hart

Greeting and Announcements

Lenten Presentation of Symbols

Liturgist

One: Let us pray:

ALL: God of grace, give us faith to see in Jesus the Lord of lords. Give us understanding to know that his thorns and his cross are in fact the crown and the throne of the true King, whose power is in love and whose authority is in his humility. Give us eyes to see that to which the world is often blind - that HERE is the One who brings power and glory, the peace and dominion of your Eternal and Gracious Kingdom. In Jesus' blessed and holy name we pray. Amen.

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

Call to Worship

Liturgist

One: We gather to worship God.

ALL: God who makes bones dance.

One: God who calls Lazarus from the grave.

ALL: God who forgives us and gives us hope.

Opening Song

#664 in purple hymnal

“Morning Has Broken”

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

One: If the Lord marked our iniquities, we could not stand. But there is forgiveness with God. In trust and faith, let us offer our confessions to God.

ALL: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voices and let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications. We come into your presence confessing our sins, aware we have behaved in ways that are contrary to your desire for our living. We come into your presence aware that too often we allow lifelessness to gain the upper hand. We come into your presence aware that we put our trust in our own abilities. Forgive us, O God. Breathe into us your life-giving spirit. Breathe into us and make us come alive for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist

One: Hope in the Lord!

ALL: With the Lord, there is steadfast love.

One: With God, there is great power to redeem.

ALL: Thanks be to God who redeems us from all our iniquities.

One: Friends – believe the Good News!
ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

 Gloria Patri “Glory Be to the Father”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

ALL: Our souls wait for the Lord and in God’s Word we hope. We wait for the Divine Word to envelop and guide us. We wait for the creating word to give us life and bring nourishment to our parched souls. Our souls wait for the Lord and in God’s Word we hope. In Jesus Christ, the Living Word, we hope. Amen.

Special Music

“Once Upon a Tree”

Choir

First Scripture Reading John 11:1-45

Liturgist

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Praise Jesus Christ.

Second Scripture Reading

Pastor Brenda

Ezekiel 37:1-14

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

“Messengers of Hope”

Pastor Brenda

Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed”

ALL: 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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☪☪☪ Responsive Hymn

#286 purple

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Time of Self Offering

Jeff Bouldin

“Moment for Mission”

☪☪☪ Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

☪☪☪ Prayer of Dedication

ALL: Good and gracious God, may these gifts be one of the ways your life giving presence is experienced in our community. Use this money and use us to give hope to the hopeless, wholeness to the broken and fullness to the hungry. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People, *and* The Lord's Prayer

back of red hymnal

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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

☪☪☪ Song Of Sending "Hymn of Promise" #250 purple

☪☪☪ Blessing

☪☪☪ Response "He Touched Me" (*refrain*)

He touched me, O, He touched me,
And O, the joy that floods my soul;
Something happened, and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.

Those who desire may come forward for anointing prayer.

