

New Hope Presbyterian Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:30am Worship Service

⦿ Indicates where those who are able may stand.
Hearing devices are available in the narthex for those who need them.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Patricia Hart

Greeting and Announcements

Pastor Brenda

Opening Prayer

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Opening Sentences

Liturgist

One: We come to join with all the earth in praise:

ALL: to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

ALL: the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.

One: On this Sabbath day of rest and gladness, we greet you with joy, our living God!

⦿ Opening Hymn “This Is My Father’s World” #370 (purple hymnal)

⦿ Prayer of Humility

One: There is nothing that can separate us from God’s love. Therefore, let’s confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

ALL: Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

One: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.

ALL: Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.

One: By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

ALL: Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.

††† Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

projected

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

ALL: Holy Spirit, help us to hear familiar words with fresh ears, and to take your Holy Word to us seriously, as guide and pattern for our lives. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 35:9-15

page 1676 in pew Bible

One: The Word of The Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

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One: The gospel of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Christ's name be praised.

Sermon

Pastor Brenda

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith *(from The Belhar Confession)*

ALL: We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church, as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another, and that we experience, practice and pursue

community with one another.

We believe that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God. Jesus is Lord. Amen.

☞ Responsive Hymn “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” #267 (purple)

Minute for Mission

Time of Self Offering with Offertory

☞ Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” projected

☞ Prayer of Dedication

ALL: Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them. Bless the money in the plates that it might be saved, stewarded and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week – 167 - until we meet again – that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.

Prayers of the People, and The Lord’s Prayer

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 “Standing On the Promises” #838 purple

☞ Benediction and Response

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Postlude

Patricia Hart