

# New Hope Presbyterian Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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** **Pastor Brenda**

††† **Opening Sentences** **Liturgist**

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**ALL: With Wisdom, we rejoice, knowing the streets are full of God's glory!**

One: The sky proclaims God's handiwork.

**ALL: With Wisdom, we rejoice, worshipping in the sanctuary of creation!**

One: The ways of the Holy One make wise the simple.

**ALL: With Wisdom, we rejoice, sharing in the oneness of love.**

One: Let's worship the Holy One in the streets, sanctuaries and squares!

††† **Opening Hymn** **"Lift High the Cross"** **#826 purple hymnal**

††† **Prayer of Humility**

One: Let us trust God's mercy and enter the liberating waters of forgiveness and grace. Together, let us boldly confess our sins and acknowledge our need for forgiveness.

**ALL: You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how these thoughts disrupt our communion with each other. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we deny such a dance with Divinity is possible, choosing complacency to your counsel. Forgive us, Logos of Love, when we ignore your unremitting call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as fools for Christ's sake. Amen.**

*Silence.*

One: Beloved friends, receive the good news: the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives and declares us forgiven.

**ALL: Having been forgiven, we take up Wisdom's way of knowing, embracing it as we journey toward wholeness and peace. Thanks be to God.**

**††† Gloria Patri**

**"Glory Be to the Father"**

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Liturgist**

**ALL: Speak to us, Spirit of Knowledge, so that we may focus on divine things. Pour out your Wisdom upon us so we may respond by taking up our cross and following you. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 50:4-9**

**page 1141 in pew Bible**

One: This is the Word of The Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Mark 8:27-38**

**page 1566 in pew Bible**

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Brenda**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**ALL: God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful [people]. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

☪ Responsive Hymn

“The Summons”

#726 purple hymnal

Time of Self Offering with Offertory

☪ Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

☪ Prayer of Dedication

**ALL:** God who witnesses the cries and shouts of creation and receives our tithes and offerings. May our streets be filled with jubilation, our cities be embraced by peace, and our lives be blessed with abundance. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

**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 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 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” #376 red hymnal

☪ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Patricia Hart



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