

# New Hope Presbyterian Church

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30am Worship Service  
September 3, 2023

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

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Gathering Music**

**Patricia Hart**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

One: We gather hoping to see God,

**ALL: here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.**

One: We can see God

**ALL: when we show one another honor,  
when we pursue hospitality to strangers,  
when we live in harmony with one another,  
when we rejoice in hope.**

One: Let us worship the visible God amongst us.

††† **Opening Song**

**#15 in purple hymnal**

**“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

**Prayer of Humility**

One: God wants us to be ourselves. But every time we hurt one another, or ourselves, we get further and further away from who we are. It is in our confession, in admitting the truth of our lives, that we can be our genuine selves again. Let us join in our prayer of confession together:

**ALL: God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing, instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope. Amen.**

## Words of Comfort

One: God's love for us is genuine.

**ALL: When we need it the most, God's grace seeps into the cracks of our brokenness to make us whole.**

One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**ALL: In Jesus Christ, we find refuge. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

front of red hymnal

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

**ALL: O Holy Creator, you spoke all of Creation into being, we ask that you keep speaking to us now. Speak to us as we read Scripture, that we might hear your voice ringing clear and concise through the many voices around us. Speak to us, that we might hear and understand. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

page 90 in pew Bible

One: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

page 1524 in pew Bible

One: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Reflection

Pastor Brenda

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☪ Responsive Hymn

#730 in purple hymnal

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Time of Self Offering

**Doxology**

**back of red hymnal**

**“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**ALL: Gift-giving God, we bring you what we can offer: our time, our talents, our finances, our very selves, in the hope that what we bring, you might magnify, and multiply, for the work of your love in the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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 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**

**#804 in purple hymnal**

**“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”**

**††† Benediction**

**††† Postlude**

**Patricia Hart**

