



New Hope Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
September 20, 2026

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

Greeting and Announcements

† Opening Sentences

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

P: God's greatness is unsearchable.

L: From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

† Opening Hymn

GtG #263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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

† Prayer of Humility

L: God loves us and calls us by name. Too frequently, we stake our claim on that tenderness and use it as a weapon against others, forgetting that God's love does not build walls but knocks them down. Let us set down our burdens and our defenses as we confess our sins in front of God and one another, saying:

P: Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us – one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. For Jesus' sake we pray. Amen.

Silent reflection.

L: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

P: Thanks be to God that in Christ, we are made whole; in Christ, we are forgiven.

† Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

P: Eternal God, you know our hearts and minds. Bless this time together that in reading, hearing and reflecting on your Word together, we may be changed. We surrender

**this time to you and ask for your blessing upon it.
Amen.**

Children's Time

Scripture Reading **Jonah 3:10 - 4:11** **p. 1438**

L: The Word of The Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading **Matthew 20:1-16** **p. 1529**

L: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: Christ's name be praised.

Sermon **Pastor Brenda**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

P: 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 to 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.

† Responsive Hymn

GtG #36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Time of Self-Offering with Offertory

† Doxology

† Prayer of Dedication

P: Almighty God, we offer you these gifts and our hearts with them. May they be blessed to do your bidding. May our expectations of what is right and what is wise always be governed by your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer

P: 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 Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” GtG #310

† Blessing and Response GtG #80

“The Trees of the Field”
(*You Shall Go Out with Joy*)

† Postlude

