



New Hope Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
August 30, 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: Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.
P: **Seek God in the sanctuary.**
L: Seek God in the burning bush.
P: **Seek God in the burning heart.**
L: The Lord is here! This place is holy!
P: **We are standing on holy ground.**

† Opening Hymn

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground" GtG #406
(*sing two times*)

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" GtG #408

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

† Prayer of Humility

L: Sin casts us out into the cold, but the warmth of God's forgiveness welcomes us back. Trusting in God's love, let us confess our sins to God:

P: **God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silent reflection.

L: Hear the good news! New life rises from the ashes. In Christ, your sins are dead and you are alive to all that is good.

P: **In Christ, we are made whole; in Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

† Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

P: **O Lord our God, shine your divine light on these pages that the stories may speak again to us today. Shine on our hearts that we might know how to respond. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

p. 90

L: The Word of The Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

p. 1524

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

"We Will Glorify"

W&C #72

Time of Self-Offering with Offertory

† Doxology

† Prayer of Dedication

P: Generous God, we offer our gifts to you, grateful for all you have given us, and grateful for the chance to give to others. Build up your church through these offerings, that we might be a place where your goodness is seen, practiced, and shared. 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

“Love Lifted Me”

W&C #505

† Blessing

Postlude

*Those who wish to receive oil anointing
may come forward at this time.*

