



New Hope Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
October 11, 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: In the midst of darkness & chaos...

P: **God imagined.**

L: In the fury & darkness...

P: **God imagined a world filled with trees, and blue skies and fluffy white clouds.**

L: In the meadow, God stood and...

P: **imagined foxes, bluebirds, and slithering snakes.**

L: In a world of rainstorms and wildlife
and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze...

P: **God imagined humanity. God imagined the continuum from man to woman.**

L: In a world teeming with billions of people...

P: **God imagined me.**

† Indicates where those who are able may stand.

L: God imagined you and God imagined me. We are created in the image of God.

P: God imagined us all. God loves each of us.

L: Let us worship with the same imagination as the Creator!

P: Amen.

~ written by Tim Graves, and posted on LiturgyBits. <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>

† **Opening Hymn** “This Is My Father’s World” GtG #370

† **Prayer of Humility**

(adapted from the Duwamish people of Washington state)

L: We have forgotten who we are. We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of God’s cosmos We have become estranged from the movements of the earth.

We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

P: We have forgotten who we belong to.

L: We have sought only our own security

We have exploited simply for our own ends

We have distorted our knowledge

We have abused our power.

P: We have forgotten who we belong to.

We ask forgiveness

We ask for the gift of remembering

We ask for the strength to change.

Silent reflection.

L: Friends, believe the good news – in Jesus Christ we have forgiveness and restoration.

P: Thanks be to God!

† **Gloria Patri**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

P: Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Psalm 8 p. 848

“O Lord, Our Lord” GtG #613

Psalm 24:1 p. 862

L: The Word of The Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading Romans 8:18-25 p. 1757

L: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: Christ's name be praised.

Sermon Pastor Brenda

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Affirmation of Faith

P: We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life. We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe. We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally. We believe in God's resurrection created world, Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant

harmonies. We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three, We believe in God.

*from the Lenten series Journey into Wholeness written by Christine Sine.
Published in 2009 by Mustard Seed Associates.*

† Responsive Hymn

GtG #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Time of Self-Offering with Offertory

† Doxology

† Prayer of Dedication

P: Holy God, Creator of all: we thank you for all the gifts that you have given us; with thankful hearts we offer our gifts for the care of your creation and the healing of our world. Use our gifts and bless all that they may touch, we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayers of the People with The Lord’s Prayer

(First Nations version)

P: O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected to earth below. Provide for us day by day – the elk, the buffalo, the salmon, the corn, the squash, and the wild rice - all the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so!

SENDING THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD WITH THE WORD

† Closing Hymn

GtG #435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

† Blessing and Response

GtG #80

“The Trees of the Field”

Postlude

