



we believe that Jesus calls us to be His faithful disciples by welcoming all people, serving others and sharing generously.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23rd, 2026

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice, and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

“Here I Am, Lord ”

No. 69

Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

WE PREPARE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?

All: We are here and we are ready.

One: Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?

All: You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you. Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!

One: I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

All: We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!

*HYMN

“Will You Come And Follow Me”

No. 726

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. Amen.

A moment for silent prayer and confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (based on Isaiah 51:4 & Matthew 16:19)

One: The prophet Isaiah wrote, "Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me." Jesus promised, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom." We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us forever, "You are my beloved!" May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God's unending forgiveness.

**All: God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name.
Through Jesus I am made whole! Thanks be to God!**

PASSING THE PEACE

One: As God offers us the peace of Christ, let us now offer the peace to one another: the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Please share the peace with those around you.

***OUR RESPONSE**

"In His Time"

(insert included)

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Barbara Anti

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 58: 6-9a (from The Message on insert included)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON “The Good Samaritan And A Change in Cabin Pressure”
Rev. Dean Newkirk

Luke 10::25-37 (from The Amplified Bible on insert included)

WE RESPOND

***SPECIAL MUSIC/CONGREGATIONAL** “Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”
(insert included)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Confession of 1967, inclusive language text)

9.24 The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.

9.25 The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

9.26 Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Let Others See Jesus In You”

B.B. McKinney

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

No. 700

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Running "

Newkirk, Dacus, Conrad

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.

If you need childcare, please see an usher.

THE LIFE OF NEW HOPE CHURCH

If you are visiting with us and would like more information about New Hope Presbyterian Church, or are interested in membership, please speak to the minister.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Risa Brandon, Liturgist

Dean Newkirk, Music Director

Barbara Anti, Time With Children