



New Hope Presbyterian Church

25323 Roesner Ln; Katy, TX 77494

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†Those who are able, please stand.

Bold Type indicates congregational response

Please turn off electronic equipment.

GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lord, I'm Coming Home

William J. Kirkpatrick

CHIMES

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

This is the Day the Lord Hath Made

John. W Peterson

†RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as people who have wandered.

We gather as people who have been found.

We gather as people who have stayed close and grown distant at the same time.

We gather as people who are still learning to receive grace.

We gather because there is a God who does not wait inside the house

But who runs down the road to meet us.

Come, let us worship the God who celebrates our return.

Thanks be to God. Let us worship!

†HYMN OF THE MONTH #668

Golden Breaks the Dawn

CALL TO CONFESSION:

In the parable we are about to hear, there are two kinds of being lost. There is the far-country kind — when we have wandered far from who we were meant to be. And there is the staying-in-the-yard kind — when we are close in body but far in heart. Jesus tells this story not to shame either child, but to show us a Father who is searching for both.

In that spirit, let us come honestly before God. Let us confess what keeps us far — in body and in heart.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God,

We confess that we have gone our own way — spending ourselves on things that do not satisfy, ending up in places we never intended to be.

We confess, too, that sometimes we have stayed home and resented it — keeping score, measuring fairness, standing outside the party because we could not understand why you would welcome anyone so easily.

Forgive us for the far country. Forgive us for the hard heart. Meet us on the road, wherever we are, and bring us home to your table. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: before you finished the sentence, God was already running toward you. The robe is ready. The ring is waiting. The feast has been prepared.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE: HYMN# 581 *Gloria Patri* Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning
Is now and never shall be,
World without end.
Amen**

†PASSING THE PEACE

... Turn to those around you and offer what God has given you.
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

GOD GIVES US THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Holy Spirit, open our ears to hear more than words. Open our hearts to receive more than a story. Let this ancient text do what it has always done — find us where we are, and point us toward home. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:11-32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Congregation Sings)

***This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.***

***Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.***

ANTHEM: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* Arr. Russell Mauldin

Sermon

Jason Sanchez

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA):

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

†HYMN #418 *Softly and Tenderly*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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 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**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP:

Basket for offering on the back table.

Link to online giving: <https://onrealm.org/newhopepckaty/give/now>

Or you may use this QR Code.

All checks can be mailed to: 25323 Roesner Ln, Katy TX 77494.

Your Generosity is appreciated.



DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit ever more;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

†HYMN #036

For the Fruit of All Creation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congregation Luncheon- TODAY!**

Pampa Bar & Grill- 25707 Westheimer Pkwy, Katy, TX 77494

- **New Sermon Series: PLOT TWIST! - Sunday 08/02**

Join us as we discover that the God we think we know is often full of surprises,
inviting everyone into a story of grace, hope, and belonging.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†EXTROIT

Let There Be Peace On Earth

***Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be***

***With God as our Savior, family all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.***

POSTLUDE

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Where All are Welcomed and Affirmed

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At New Hope, everyone **belongs** and **grows** in relationship with God to **serve** others with love and courage.