



New Hope Presbyterian Church

25323 Roesner Ln; Katy, TX 77494

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Today's Ushers: Iris Hymel, Sam DeSantis

† Those who are able, please stand.

Bold Type indicates congregational response

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GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Sarah Flower Adams

CHIMES

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

Sometimes A Light Surprises
Hymn of the Month

Irish Folk Melody

WELCOME

† RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come to this place carrying the weight of our days —
the long weeks, the hard decisions, the quiet despairs.

We come because we need more than we have.

And God says: I know. I see you. Come and rest.

We come, Lord. We come.

There is food for the journey.

There is water for the thirst.

There is a voice that says: get up — the road is not over.

Then we will rise. Lead us, Lord.

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

†HYMN #022

God of the Sparrow

CALL TO CONFESSION:

One of the strangest things about Elijah is that God does not scold him for his despair. There is no lecture, no disappointment, no list of what he should have done differently. There is only bread, and water, and rest. And then — gently — a question: What are you doing here?

That question is for us too. Not as accusation, but as invitation. What are you doing here? What have you been carrying? What have you been running from? Let us bring it honestly to the one who already knows.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we confess that we are tired in ways we cannot always name.

We have run hard and burned out.

We have done good work and then collapsed under a broom tree of our own making.

We have said: it is enough. We cannot go on.

**We confess that we have confused exhaustion with failure,
and burnout with unworthiness.
We have been harder on ourselves than you have ever been on us.
Forgive us for forgetting that you are the God who feeds the weary, not the
God who scolds them.
Restore us to ourselves. And send us gently back into the journey. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Friends, hear the good news: the God who met Elijah in his despair meets us in ours. There is no depth of weariness too deep for grace. The angel touches you and says — there is food for you. The journey is not over.
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

... We are reminding each other that we are not alone, that we belong to one another, and that the peace we seek in the world begins right here, between us.

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 what we have not heard before, and our hearts to receive what we did not know we needed. Speak to us through this ancient story — and let it become our story too.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 19:1-9a

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: *People Need the Lord* Greg Nelson, Phil McHugh

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 19:9b-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Nap and a Snack

Rev. Cindy Mood

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in a God of surprises — a Creator who forms light out of darkness, hope out of despair, and new life where we least expect it.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who came not for the worthy, but for the wandering; not for the powerful, but for the overlooked; not for those who had it together, but for those who knew they did not.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who keeps turning the story in directions we did not plan, calling us by name when we feel lost, and sending us into the world before we feel ready.

We believe the story is not finished. We believe the last word belongs to love. We believe the good news is for us — all of us, exactly as we are.

This is the faith we hold.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†HYMN #824

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

Communion

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so we join our voices with the whole company of heaven — with all who have ever been fed when they were weary, who have been met in their exhaustion and given more than they could ask — and we sing together:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

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**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP:

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 #410

God is Calling through the Whisper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Get Involved — Grand Opening and Garage Sale Committees
- Blood Drive- Sunday, 08/30

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'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Af. Am. Spiritual

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