



New Hope Presbyterian Church

25323 Roesner Ln; Katy, TX 77494

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Today's Ushers: Bruce Hymel

† Those who are able, please stand.

Bold Type indicates congregational response

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GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Grace Greater Than Our Sins

Daniel Brink Towner

CHIMES

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Nadia Hearn

WELCOME

† RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come to worship a God who does not require our peace —
who can handle our questions, our doubts, our arguments.

We come as we are: wrestling, wondering, not yet whole.

Jacob wrestled through the night and would not let go.

He walked away limping — and blessed.

There is something holy in refusing to give up on God.

So bring your full self — the struggling self, the doubting self.

This God can take it.

Then let us worship — honestly, fully, as we are.

†HYMN OF THE MONTH #800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Jacob's story is full of deception, self-reliance, and running. He spent years trying to manage his life on his own terms. And then came the night he couldn't manage anymore. He was alone, and something seized him in the dark.

We know what it is to wrestle in the night — with choices we regret, with patterns we can't break, with a God who seems absent or demanding or both. Let us bring our wrestling honestly.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God who meets us in the night,

we confess that we have tried to manage life without you.

We have schemed and controlled and planned our way around the hard things,

and then been surprised when it didn't work.

We confess our wrestling — with you, with others, with ourselves.

We confess the ways we have tried to escape the struggle rather than allow it to shape us.

We confess that sometimes our doubt feels like failure.

Remind us that you named a whole nation after the one who wrestled and survived.

Bless us in our struggling. Hold us through the night. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear this: Jacob wrestled with God — and was not destroyed. He was renamed, reshaped, and sent forward. The same God who held Jacob in the dark holds you. Your wrestling does not disqualify you.
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

... Look someone in the eye this morning. Let them know they are seen.
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

GOD GIVES US THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

God, your word is not always comfortable, and we do not always come to it comfortable. Meet us in this text — the strange, bodily, complicated, beautiful text — and let it speak something true to us today.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 32:22-32

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: Duet, Ron and Fiona Day

Fight Night with God

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 #816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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:

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 #815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Blood Drive- Sunday, 08/30**
- **Ballard House Dinner- 9/17**

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've Got Peace Like a River

African American Spiritual

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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.