



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

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GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Robert Keene

CHIMES

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

How Majestic Is Your Name

Michael W. Smith

WELCOME

† RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Where you go, I will go.

Where you lodge, I will lodge.

Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

These are the words of a foreigner with nothing to offer
and everything to give.

These are the words of one who chose belonging over safety.

Ruth was not supposed to be in this story.

She was not the right nationality, the right lineage, the right anything.

And she became the hinge on which history turned.

Let us worship the God who keeps choosing the ones no one saw coming.

Let us worship. We are here.

†HYMN OF THE MONTH #800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Ruth's story is also a story about Naomi — a woman so bowed by loss that she asked to be called "bitter." Grief can do that to us. It can narrow our vision until we cannot see what is standing right in front of us, faithful and full of love.

Let us confess the ways grief, fear, and bitterness have narrowed us — the ways we have missed what God was doing because we were looking in the wrong direction.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Faithful God,
we confess that loss and hurt has sometimes made us bitter
when you were trying to make us whole.
We have called ourselves empty
when you had already placed abundance beside us.
We confess that we have underestimated the outsider,
the foreigner, the one who does not fit our picture**

of who is supposed to carry the story forward.

**Forgive us. Open our eyes. Show us who is already here,
faithful and full of love, waiting to be seen. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The God of Ruth and Naomi is the God who turns emptiness into abundance,
loss into lineage, and the outsider into the one who carries the whole story
home. That same grace is ours.

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 saying: I see you, I am with you, you are not alone.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

GOD GIVES US THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

God, your word is full of women whose names we almost missed. Open our ears to hear Ruth's name fully today — and through her story, to hear our own.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ruth 1:1-18

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:

You Are My All in All

Dennis Jernigan

SCRIPTURE READING: Ruth 4:13-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Nobody Saw Her Coming

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 #342

For All the Faithful Women

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 #488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congregation Luncheon- Sunday 08/23**
Antonias Cucina Italiana- 2001 Katy Mills Blvd, Katy, TX 77494
- **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

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Anna Arrandale

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Belong	Grow	Serve
Jill Giles Jerry Pettit	Iris Hymel Stacie Nugent	Pam Nicoletti JoAnn Franklin

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