

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-10

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

SERMON

*The UN-Natural Life*

\*HYMN #757

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 our 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.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND COMMITMENTS

OFFERTORY

\*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

*Trinitarian Doxology*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***SENDING***

\*HYMN #543

*God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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**New Hanover**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 30, 2023



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# New Hanover Presbyterian Church



*We Seek to Nurture Disciples of Jesus Christ to be Active Witnesses in the World  
to the Good News of God's Transforming Grace in Jesus Christ Our Lord*

The Lord's Day, April 30, 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

❖ = Please stand in body or in spirit • Unison responses are in **bold print**  
Greet each other in the name of Jesus and prepare for worship.  
You may use this prayer to assist you in your preparation:

*Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will.  
May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith,  
that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## ***GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER***

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Marianne Vermeer

PRELUDE

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

We praise you for victory over death,  
raising Jesus from the grave  
and giving us eternal life.

**Glory to you, O God!**

For us and for our salvation you overcame death  
and opened the gate to everlasting life.

**Glory to you, O Christ!**

You lead us into the truth  
And watch over us every moment of our lives.

**Glory to you, O Holy Spirit!**

For all your blessings to us  
And for your providence which suffuses the world –

**Glory to you, O blessed Trinity,  
now and forever. Amen.**

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖OPENING HYMN #409

*God Is Here* (v. 1-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Terry Nathan Diebold

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,  
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.**

**You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,  
but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all,  
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.**

**You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by,  
endangering the lives of people far and near.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,  
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

*(silent prayer)*

❖ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #37

*Let All Things Now Living* (v. 1)

❖THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Turn to your neighbor in the pew and say "The peace of Christ be with you!"*

## ***THE WORD***

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Dr. Eric Douglass

ANTHEM

*Come Find His Rest*

NHPC Choir and Band

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALTER

Psalm 23

**The Eternal One is my shepherd; I lack nothing.**

**God makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

**The Lord revives my soul**

**and guides me along right pathways for God's holy Name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;**

**Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

**You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy**

**shall follow me all the days of my life,**

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**