

SERMON

*Mercy Not Sacrifice*

❖HYMN #726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

***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 ANTHEM

❖RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pam O'Brien, flute  
*Trinitarian Doxology*

***SENDING***

❖HYMN #749

*Come! Live in the Light!*

❖CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

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**New Hanover**

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**June 11, 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*

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The Lord's Day, June 11, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

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❖ = 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:

*When our legalism exceeds our compassion, we have abandoned the heart of Christ to  
cling to the safety and control of the letter of the law. Legalism is a pet python. You can  
only keep it in the cage so long. Eventually it will slither out and crush the life out of  
you. Beth Moore*

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Margaret Elliott

*Welcome Visitors!* ☩

PRELUDE

Pam O'Brien, flute

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God,

**According to your steadfast love;**

**According to your abundant mercy**

**Blot out our transgressions.**

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,

**And cleanse us from our sin.**

O Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouths will declare your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice;

**If we were to give a burnt offering,**

**You would not be pleased.**

The sacrifice acceptable to you, O God is a broken spirit;

**A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖HYMN #44

*Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Eric Douglass

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Eternal and merciful God,**

**you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,**

**and you have set us on paths of righteousness**

**for your name's sake.**

**Yet we have strayed from your way;**

**we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**through what we have done**

**and what we have left undone.**

**As we remember the lavish gift of your grace**

**symbolized in baptism, O God,**

**we praise you and give you thanks**

**that you forgive us yet again.**

**Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,**

**and to rise daily to new life in Christ,**

**who lives and reigns with you,**

**and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

*(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #447

*We Are Forgiven*

## ***THE WORD***

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:9-13