

SERMON

♦HYMN #445

Gather the Outcasts

God, How Can We Forgive

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

`Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus

Pam O'Brien, Flute and Kayla Jarvis, Piano

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

COLLECTION OF CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

♦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

Trinitarian Doxology

♦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

♦HYMN #749

Come! Live in the Light!

♦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

♦POSTLUDE

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New Hanover Presbyterian Church is a congregation
of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Presbytery
of the James. We welcome you!





Our Vision: Make Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection relevant today

Our Mission: As a welcoming community of believers in Jesus Christ,
we will unite our faith and works to share God's love

Our Values: Based on our understanding of the Bible,
New Hanover Presbyterian Church believes that love, acceptance, inclusion,
redemption, mercy and equity are values Jesus Christ taught and demonstrated.

The Lord's Day, August 20, 2023

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

❖ = 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 thought to assist you in your preparation:

*Whether we are old or young,
whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers,
whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow,
in this place we are all family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Ron Garstka

Welcome Visitors! ☩

PRELUDE

The God of Father Abraham

Pam O'Brien, Flute and Kayla Jarvis, Piano

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 133 & 134

How very good and pleasant it is to live together in unity!

It is like soothing, expensive balm, poured on without restraint.

It is refreshing, like the dew of the morning refreshes the earth

For the Lord has ordained the ultimate blessing upon us– Life forevermore!

Now, all you that are ransomed and redeemed by the Lord –Say So!

We join our minds, hearts and voices together

to praise the God who saves us!

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖SONG

Same God

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Terry Nathan Diebold

CONFESSION OF SIN*

**O God, in your goodness you defend the weak
and uphold the cause of the poor.**

In our unholy carelessness,

we let the poor struggle on their own,

not seeing them, not caring about them, seldom asking about them.

O God, friend of the helpless, you sent

your Son to proclaim good news to the poor.

**But we care much more about those who already have enough
and ignore those who lack even the simplest essentials of life.**

Your work through Christ is

to reconcile humanity to yourself and one another

Destroying the barriers that have separated humanity.

Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds

to people of other lands, tongues, and races.

Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice,

that we may move toward the day

when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen. (*silent prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #447

We Are Forgiven

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Elder Marianne Vermeer

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 56:1-8

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:4-10

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:10-20