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 *Prayer of Dedication

Trinitarian Doxology

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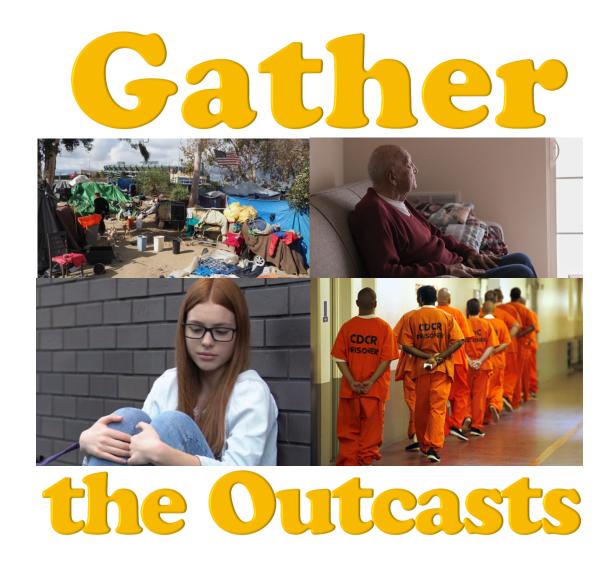
*Hymn #749

Come! Live in the Light!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Postlude

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New Hanover PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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! 🕈 Assurance of Pardon The God of Father Abraham Prelude *R Pam O'Brien, Flute and Kayla Jarvis, Piano REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson *CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 133 & 134 ΤIΛ How very good and pleasant it is to live together in unity! It is like soothing, expensive balm, poured on without restraint. PR/ It is refreshing, like the dew of the morning refreshes the earth LES 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! Fρ We join our minds, hearts and voices together G to praise the God who saves us!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Song

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN*

The Rev. Terry Nathan Diebold

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)

ESPONSE OF PRAISE #44/		We Are Forgiven
ME WITH THE CHILDREN	THE WORD	Elder Marianne Vermeer
ayer of Illumination		
sson From the Prophets		Isaiah 56:1-8
istle Lesson		1 Peter 2:4-10
ospel Lesson		Matthew 15:10-20

Same God