

❖HYMNS

Medley #2

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Eric Douglass

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES

Philippians 3:1-11

SERMON

All We Need

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Medley #3

❖THE PEOPLE'S PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing at your tables

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Medley #4

❖PRAYER OF BLESSING

❖CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Psa. 8

¹ GOD, brilliant Lord, yours is a household name.

²Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you; toddlers shout the songs That drown out enemy talk, and silence atheist babble.

³ I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous, your handmade sky-jewelry, Moon and stars mounted in their settings. ⁴ Then I look at my micro-self and wonder, Why do you bother with us? Why take a second look our way?

⁵ Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods, bright with Eden's dawn light.

⁶ You put us in charge of your handcrafted world, repeated to us your Genesis-charge, ⁷ Made us lords of sheep and cattle, even animals out in the wild, ⁸ Birds flying and fish swimming, whales singing in the ocean deeps.

⁹ GOD, brilliant Lord, your name echoes around the world.

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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, September 10, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE PAVILION

❖ = 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:

*As we prepare for worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts,
that we may hear your voice in your Word.*

*We pray that you will stir our hearts that we may more faithfully follow Jesus,
and that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you.*

*May our worship be acceptable to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.***

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Pam O'Brien

Welcome Visitors! ☩

PRELUDE

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

From the Iona Community

Come among us, Jesus,
You whom angels worship and children welcome.

Come, Jesus and meet us here!

Come among us, Jesus,
You, who hurled the stars into space
And taught the spider to weave a home.

Come, Jesus and meet us here!

Come among us Jesus,
You who walked the long path to Calvary
And three days later ignited hope for all humankind.
Come, Jesus, and meet us here!

❖HYMNS

Medley #1

Each of today's hymns will be a medley of two related hymns. They can be found
on the Song Sheet you received with your bulletin.

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

PSALTER

Psalms 8

¹ O "I AM", our Ruler,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
² Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
³ You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
⁴ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁵ What is humankind that you should be mindful of them?
Our daughters and our sons that you would seek them out?
⁶ You have made them but little lower than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and honor;
⁷ You give them command over the works of your hands;
you put all things under their feet:
⁸ All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁹ The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
¹⁰ O "I AM", our Ruler,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

FIND AND SHARE

Your response to Psalm 8

We will take a five minute break for you to find something in the area around the
pavilion that reflects something you found in the rich imagery in Psalm 8. We will
have a few minutes to share what we found afterwards.

PRAYER