The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Member of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
And the Presbytery of New Hope

This is God’s House! All are Welcome!

~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

THE PIANO PRELUDE .................................................................Jason Evans, pianist

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ...........................................The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

♦THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) ...........................................Christine Jackle, liturgist

ONE: Draw near to the Lord, who hears our pleas and our praise.

ALL: We come to rest in God's holy presence.

ONE: The Lord provides the food that we need to feed our bodies and nourish our souls.

ALL: We gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.

ONE: Remember the Lord's wonderful works each evening; see God's glory with the morning's light.

ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord!

THE OPENING PRAYER ........................................................................Christine Jackle

††THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Spoken Responsively) .........................The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

ONE: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

You are invited to greet your neighbors by putting your hand over your heart as a sign of love and friendship that highlights our unity as a church family.
The Word of the Lord

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 12:1-4, 7-8, 12-14 .......................... Christine Jackle

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “This Little Light of Mine” .................................................. Spiritual

Christine Jackle, soloist

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 14:5-6, 21-31.....................The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed towards the people, and they said, ‘What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?’ So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him;

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “Overcoming Our Fears” .................................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Go Light Your World” ............................................. Christ Tomlin

Christine Jackle, soloist

~ We Respond to the Word ~

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

During this prayer, the pastor will invite anyone who would like to lift up any prayer requests to do so. You may pray out loud or pray silently for your own particular prayer concerns.
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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

♦THE CLOSING SPOKEN RESPONSE: "May the Lord, Gracious Lord" .............................. Unknown
(Spoken Only)

May the Lord, gracious Lord, bless and keep us forever.
Let us be more like thee in our every endeavor.
Holy Spirit, Eternal God, this we pray together.
May the Lord, gracious Lord, bless and keep us forever. Amen.

THE PIANO POSTLUDE.............................................................. Jason Evans, pianist

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~ Those Leading us in Worship ~

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore,
Pastor

Jason K. Evans,
Director of Music Ministries/Organist

Christine Jackle,
Liturgist / Soloist

Don Younkin,
Audio & Visual Ministries
**Faith Knitters Start Up Again**

The Faith Knitters will start their knitting and crocheting sessions on September 22nd. The time is 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. We will again meet at Bill Pratt’s home in Martins Point. If you are interested in joining this group of ladies who knit or crochet prayer shawls, we would welcome you with open arms. This group is made up of beginners as well as experts, so you would fit right in no matter what your skill levels are. For more information call Barbara Nock at 252-255-5979.

**Worship Schedule**

**September 27:** Live-stream only at 10:00 a.m.

**October 4:** Live-stream only at 10:00 am

**October 11:** Indoor worship services in the sanctuary may resume on October 11th if conditions related to COVID-19 continue to progress positively. The service will be held at 10:00 a.m. and will be limited to a total of 50 people, excluding worship participants. Attendees will be asked to register in advance. Face masks and social distancing will be required.

**The “Shot Clinic”** at the OBPC is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2020 hosted by Walgreens Pharmacy. If anyone else wants an appointment, call, text, or email Bev Jones at 252-423-9107 or beverlykoops@yahoo.com

Everyone who has signed up will get a reminder in late September.

**Message from the OBPC Ad Hoc Medical Team**

**Week 5 COVID-19 Question:** Handwashing is one of the three big rules in preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Why is it so important and what is the best technique?

**Answer:** Did you ever notice how many things we touch, and how often we also touch our eyes, nose, and mouth?

We constantly get germs on our hands and immediately put them into our bodies through the very thin, alive mucous membranes on our faces. It couldn’t be an easier trip for the coronavirus!

So, how do we properly clean our hands?

1. Completely wet hands with water.
2. Dispense soap or rub into the palms of both hands.
3. Scrub ALL surfaces of the hands, including between the fingers, tips of fingers and thumbs.
4. Scrub vigorously for 20 seconds;
5. Rinse thoroughly under running water.
6. Dry thoroughly with a clean towel.

The Congregational Meeting that was scheduled for September 20th has been postponed. The meeting will now take place immediately following the October 11th worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee, including their recommendation of three individuals to serve on the Session’s Class of 2023.