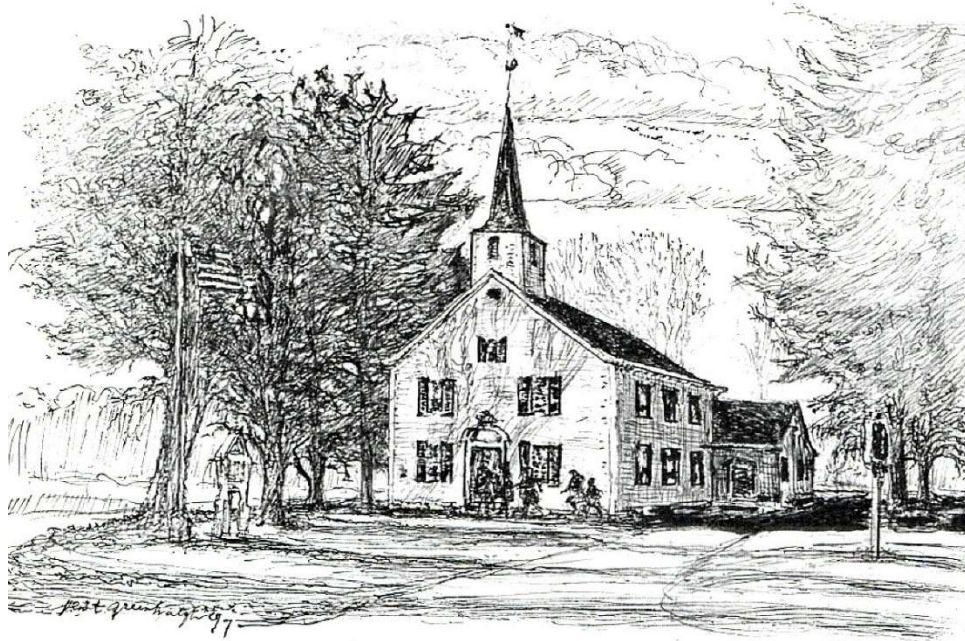


NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The English Church
Founded in 1734*

New City,
New York



Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 26, 2021

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION **10:55-11 AM**

PRELUDE

GREETING

Worship Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Worship Leader

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
Let us worship God.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

(By Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the UN, 1953-1961)

Have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon our efforts, that we before thee, in love and in faith,

**Righteousness and humility, may follow thee, with self-denial, steadfastness and courage,
and meet thee in the silence.**

Give us a pure heart that we may see thee, a humble heart

That we may hear thee, a heart of love

That we may serve thee, a heart of faith that we may love thee,

Thou whom I do not know but whose I am.

Thou whom I do not comprehend but who hast dedicated me

To my fate.

Thou -

***OPENING HYMN “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” #261**

God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,

Giver of grace for our needs all-availing.

Wisdom and strength for each day do Thou send us,

Patience untiring and courage unfailing.

How shall we stray, with Thy hand to direct us,

Thou who the stars in their courses art guiding?

What shall we fear, with Thy power to protect us,

We who walk forth in Thy greatness confiding?

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition.
We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.
Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Worship Leader

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Mark 9: 38-41

Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Dr. Knight-Whitehouse

SECOND READING

1 Samuel 25: 2-3, 18-31

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dr. Knight-Whitehouse

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison) Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Minister: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

“God of the Sparrow”

#272

*God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise*

*God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace*

*God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home*

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Scott Vanderhoef) Coordinator at Habitat for Humanity of Rockland County

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

If you would like to submit an offering online, use the QR code found in the announcements.

OFFERTORY

PRAYER CARDS Please share prayer requests on YT comments using first names only.

***DOXOLOGY**

#592

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

You have come close to each of us. You have extended to us Your own special love, and have given to us such special gifts.

Thank you God for these.

Thank you for all the other gifts that are present in these people around me. Together we are a gifted people - Your people.

You gave us these gifts for a purpose. They are to be used by us, to serve the needs of others. Give us courage, Lord, and the confidence too, to take these gifts with us now as we go. Open our eyes and hearts to those we meet. Help us to see their need, and to show Your love,

and to use Your gifts that are invested in us, to bring them hope, and life. We go now with unwrapped gifts, ready to be used.

We go as Your servants, ready to touch others with Your love.

And we don't go alone. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

#411

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors. We are glad you were able to be with us today and look forward to seeing you again.

MAILING LIST

If you would like to be on our mailing or phone list please send your request with your name, address, e-mail and/or phone number to either office@nhpchurch.org or newhempsteadpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com and we will add you to our lists.



We will have Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM on the Great Lawn.

Please bring your well-behaved animals (On leashes or in cages, please!) and let's thank God for being able to share our lives with the furred, finned, scaled, and feathered!

The semi-annual Tag Sale is back! The sale will be on the great lawn October 16 from 9am-2pm, so pass the word. We can use volunteers on October 15 after noon to sort and price the items for sale, and then on the 16th to fill the tables from 7am to 9am, or sell the items from 9am on. Please contact Pam Fink with questions or to volunteer. Remember, we can't do this without help!



With the advent of virtual church services our food bank collection stopped. This is a shame because the need is still there, now stronger than ever during this time when so many people are out of work. Your Mission Committee wants to start this program up again and we're asking for donations of non-perishable food. Right now the need for canned soup is particularly strong. Any donation is gratefully accepted of course, including monetary ones which can be made by check or electronically by QR-code (mission fund). Please be generous in your support.

Can't make it to church? Join us via Livestream on YouTube! Use the link below or just search for "New Hempstead Presbyterian Church" **All are advised** that the front of the church from the lectern to the piano are visible on our livestream. To avoid being seen on the livestream, the pews and the driveway-side aisle are not visible.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1uJu-RJ5343dvTGRE7Nt5A>

To give online, click on www.nhpchurch.org or scan the QR code:

