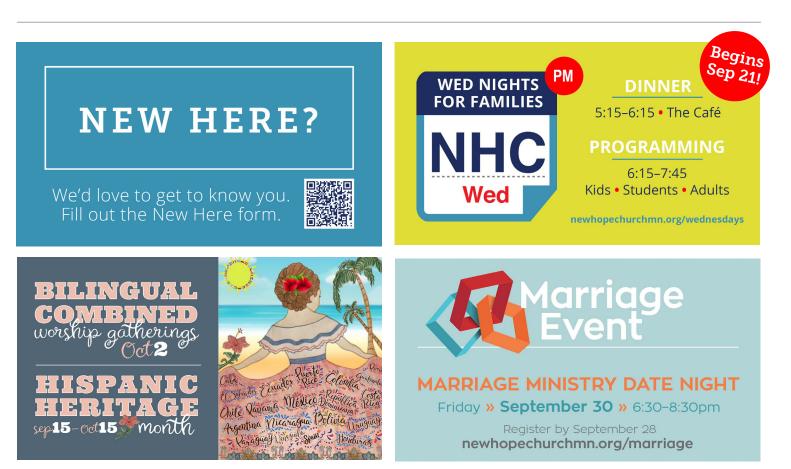
# Welcome to New Hope Church

A Christ-centered community for all peoples, moving toward Jesus and taking others with us.



# GIVE ONLINE

# **NEED PRAYER?**

**NEWS & GIVING REPORT** 

#### Charting a Bold Course Message Series

Now–October 9. This fall, we'll explore the bold new course God has called for New Hope Church to follow. What does it mean to connect, give, serve, multiply and unite together as a church, to the world and with the One charting our course? Watch at newhopechurchmn.org/messages.

#### **New Here Meet & Greet**

3rd Sundays (September 18), 10–10:30am, Conference Room. New Here? We'd love to get to know you! Meet staff, elders and Pastor Matthew and help us get to know you.

#### **Great Commission Church Class**

Sundays, September 18 & 25, 10:30am, Sandberg Chapel. Explore what becoming a Great Commission church would mean for New Hope Church and for you individually. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

## Calendar

Pick up a calendar of upcoming opportunities for fall/winter 2022 in the lobby and find a place to plug in.

#### Calling Artists!

All Peoples Art Gallery: October 9–November 13. Expressing your unique artistic creativity can be life-giving, worshipful and helps others experience God's amazing diversity. Your choice of theme and media. Submit application by October 5 at newhopechurchmn.org/arts.

#### Story of God Adult Study

Wednesdays, October 5–December 14, 6:15–7:45pm, Sandberg Chapel. This nine-week study explains how each part of the Bible fits into the bigger story. Book cost: \$10. Register by October 5 at newhopechurchmn.org/events.

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## **CONNECTION** Revelation 7:9–17

## CONNECT

- 1. Name a group you've been part of that was the most unified and connected. What would you give as the reason that group "worked" or connected so well together?
- 2. What are some key components of Christian community when it is working the way God intends it to?

## **GOING DEEPER**

- 3. Read Revelation 7:9–12. What stands out to you about the great multitude pictured in verses 9–10? Where is this scene taking place? What type of diversity is represented here? What unity do we see?
- 4. When the multitude cries out, how do the angels, elders and the four living creatures respond?
- 5. What do verses 10 and 12 reveal about God? What do these truths mean to you? How should the knowledge of this scene affect the way we live now?
- 6. Read Revelation 7:13–17. Look at verse 14. What did it cost God to secure these people for Himself? How do we spurn this sacrifice when we create divisions that God does not make?
- 7. What qualifies this white-robed crowd to stand before God? What is their new role? What is their future (the blessings promised to them) in verses 15–17?
- 8. How would this encourage the Christians of John's day? Of our day?
- 9. Compare verse 17 with Psalm 23 and John 7:37–38. How does this vision of the Lamb at the center of the throne fulfill the images described in Psalm 23 and John 7?
  - a. How does this picture of Jesus' authority bring comfort to your pain?
  - b. What are some of the things in our world that bring us to tears? Why is it comforting to know that one day God will wipe all our tears away?

#### ACTION

- 10. How has the gospel transformed you personally? How has it transformed the way you think about living in community with others?
- 11. How can we incorporate this glimpse of heavenly worship into our earthly walks this week?

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