

*We are so grateful you have joined us today as we come together to worship God. Though we cannot worship in the same space, we can learn to observe Sabbath anew and learn the value of personal, private worship.*

*Although we aren't together physically, we are still the church together.*

*Our worship has been recorded and can be viewed on our website, <http://newhopeagoura.com/>*

*or you can click on the link below, or paste it into your browser:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkTO5bArcKc>



### **Palm Sunday Service**

“Who is He?” The Days of Holy Week

### **Introduction to Worship**

Today is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week. In our service, we will incorporate the tradition of midrash. Midrash is an ancient Jewish tradition that weaves together the art of storytelling and the truth of scripture, inviting us to imagine and wonder about the details that exist between the lines. Today you will hear from five voices: a woman who witnessed Jesus flip the tables in the temple, a Pharisee, the woman with the alabaster jar who anointed Jesus’ feet in Bethany, Judas, and one of Jesus’ disciples in the garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus was arrested. As you hear these stories read aloud, we invite you to lean in. Imagine yourself there. Feel the truth of this narrative—for it was quite the week: a hard week, a holy week.

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

### **Sunday**

“Who is This?”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Hymn: “All Glory, Laud & Honor”

## Monday

**“Tables Turned”**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:12-13

The Woman in the Temple

## Tuesday

**“Authority Questioned”**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:23

A Pharisee

## Wednesday

**“Anointed”**

Scripture Reading: “Matthew 23:6-13

The Woman with the Alabaster Jar

## Thursday

**“Betrayal”**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 23:14-16

Judas Iscariot

## Friday

**“The Garden”**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:36-47

A Disciple in the Garden

Hymn: “What Wondrous Love is This”

Closing Litany: **“Who is He?”**

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Benediction

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### Participants in Today's Worship

Reader #1: A Woman in the Temple

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Reader #2: A Pharisee

Joe Bulock

Reader #3: A Woman With the Alabaster Jar

Aleta Braxton

Reader #4: Judas

Pastor Craig Beeker

Reader #5: A Disciple in the Garden of Gethsemane

Terry Paulson

Vocalists

Aleta Braxton

Terry Paulson

Pianist

David Cohen

Videographer

Brian Gibbons

# Wilderness

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## Holy Week / THE WILDERNESS IS A PLACE WHERE WE ARE BRAVE

First, we have to name it—  
The heartbreak,  
The addiction,  
The shame,  
The grief.

Whatever your wilderness is,  
First we have to name it.

And once we've said those words out loud,  
We let that truth hang in the air.  
And we let ourselves feel what we feel,  
For in this moment,  
we are close to the surface.

And after a few deep breaths,  
We begin the removing.  
Piece by piece, we take our armour off,  
For truth-telling days are  
Soft skin kind of days.

And once we are armour-free,  
Hearts on our sleeves  
And tears in our throats,  
We stand toe-to-toe  
With the very hurt that wrecked us.  
And we don't try to swallow that pain away.

And there,  
In all our beautiful God-given honesty,  
We say to that monster,  
"I have love on my side,  
And her name is God,  
And no wilderness can separate me  
From that north star."

And I believe  
It will be the bravest thing you ever do.  
And your knees might shake,  
And you might lose your way,  
But our God is a God of second chances,  
So take my hand.  
You are close to the surface.  
Let's be brave together.

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# LET GO WITH GRACE

## A SIMPLE UNBINDING DEVOTION



### Name Your Burden

What makes you feel sad, anxious, powerless, or trapped? Breathe into this question as you discern what's weighing you down.

### Ask for Strength

Write your burden on a strip of cloth, wrap it around your hand, and pray for God's help to let it go.

### Leave It Behind

When you're ready, unbind the cloth, tie it to the frame provided, and leave your burden behind — a symbol of your faith in God's grace to help you live unbound.

### A Prayer of Release

*Lord, you are a God who makes all things new. Strengthen me; unbind me from the messages that try to control me. Walk with me; help me to live whole and to care for your gifts of body, mind, and spirit.*

*Amen.*