



*We are so grateful you have joined us today as we come together to worship God.
Although we aren't together physically, we are still the church together.
Our worship has been pre-recorded and can be viewed on our website at <http://newhopeagoura.com/>
or you can view it on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NewHopeLutheran/>*

Introduction to Worship

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

Opening Song ELW Hymnal #855

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Welcome

Confession

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Praise

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"Glory to God"

Children's Welcome

Pastor Scott Fielder

Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Hymnal #388

"Be Not Afraid"

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

Sermon

Rev. R. Guy Erwin Ph.D.

"Shut In But Set Free!"

Hymn

ELW Hymnal #377

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Dismissal

Closing Song

ELW Hymnal #376

"Thine is the Glory"



Participants in Today's Worship

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Rev. Scott Fielder
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