



*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

Today is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the ministry of the Word. This year we are focusing on the persecuted church. The image of the dove is made of the names of countries where Christians are facing persecution.

Today's festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world.

Prelude

Opening Song

"Holy Spirit Living Breath of God"

by K. Getty and S. Townend

Welcome and Introduction

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Pastor Scott Fielder

Special Music: "Waves of Mercy"

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Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

The reading today is given in four languages by members and partners of New Hope from across our country and the world. Our readers are Pastor Adriana Johnson-Rivas, Avo Artinian, Leila Mader, and Sally Johansson

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

| The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Sermon

Pastor Craig Beeker

"Pentecost Driven: Comforter and Catalyst"

Special Music

Christine and David Cohen

"Nearer than the Air"

The Prayers of God's People

Holy Communion

| Refer to the "Holy Communion at Home" instruction booklet included in your home communion package

Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

ELW Hymnal #496

"One Bread, One Body"

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Song

"O Church, Arise"

by K. Getty and S. Townend

Participants in Today's Worship

Rev. Craig R. Beeker
Deacon Lynn Bullock
Rev. Scott Fielder
David Cohen, Pianist
Terry Paulson, Videographer
Chris Chigaridas, Audio

Vocalists

Zechariah Beeker
Deacon Lynn Bullock
Christine Cohen
Terry Paulson