



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

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul in Romans 7, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Prelude

Opening Song

by Brian Doerksen

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Welcome and Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Pastor Scott Fielder

Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

David Cohen

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an area of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

Gospel Acclamation

"Mass of Joyful Hearts"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

Sermon

Deacon Lynn Bullock

"Return Home, Prisoners of Hope"

Hymn of the Day

"Down by the Riverside"

Prayers for all people

Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Song

"America the Beautiful"

Postlude

Participants in Today's Worship

Rev. Craig R. Beeker
Deacon Lynn Bullock
Rev. Scott Fielder

Chris Chigaridas, Audio
Brian Gibbons, Videographer
Terry Paulson, Video Editor

Aleta Braxton, Choir Director
David Cohen, Pianist

Vocalists

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