

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 at <http://newhopeagoura.com/>

or you can view it on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NewHopeLutheran/>



Easter Sunday Service

Introduction to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 19:34). Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Prelude

Opening Song

"See What a Morning"

Welcome

Children's Moment

Pastor Craig Beeker

Song

ELW Hymnal #167

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Easter Anthem"

Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!"

Easter Messages From Your Pastoral Staff

First message, Deacon Lynn Bulock

Second message, Pastor Craig Beeker

Hymn: "This Easter Celebration"

Prayers

Announcement

Service of Holy Communion

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

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn

ELW Hymnal #365

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Dismissal

Postlude

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor Craig R. Beeker
Deacon Lynn Bulock
David Cohen, Pianist
Videographers:
Brian Gibbons
Terry Paulson

Vocalists : Aleta Braxton, Choir Director
Patrick Blackwell
Alex Heston
Aviva Heston
Nicole Toto
Jennifer Wallace



Easter Sunday | THE WILDERNESS IS THE BIRTHPLACE OF JOY

I used to know the wilderness only as pain;
A land without food, a land without water.
But you rained down manna
And even water flows in your desert.

I used to think the wilderness was total isolation—
But the Israelites had each other,
And you had the stars in the sky.

So then I thought the wilderness must be time wasted—
Forty years of circles.
Forty years of wondering.
But then I realized, each step is a step,
And maybe there's growth in that.

So then I concluded that the wilderness must be lonely spaces—
The woman and her well,
The blind man and his gate,
Martha and her kitchen,
Peter and his fire.
But then you showed up in each of those places,
To each of those faces.

So now I wonder—
What if the wilderness is the birthplace of creation?
What if the wilderness is where call begins?
What if the wilderness is where joy is birthed?
What if, between the dirt and the sky
And that wide orange horizon,
The wilderness is where we find you?