

October 4, 2020 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Welcome to New Hope Online Worship Although we aren't together physically, we are still the church together

Our pre-recorded service can be viewed on our website at http://newhopeagoura.org

Introduction to Worship

In today's gospel readings, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Prelude and Announcements

Opening Song

"Bring Forth the Kingdom" by Marty Haugen

Welcome and Introduction

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message Pastor Scott Fielder

Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 Mary Ann Fiore

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no long have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

ELW Hymnal #172 Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

Pastor Craig Beeker

"Do the Right Thing"

Hymn of the Day

by Barry Devorzon and Petty Botkin, Jr. "Bless the Beasts and the Children"

Blessing of the Animals

Special Music

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" by Cecil F Alexander and Colin Curtis

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Song ELW Hymnal #538

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

Postlude

Participants in Today's Worship

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

Vocalists

Aleta Braxton, Choir Director Terry Paulson

Pianist

David Cohen

Audio/Visual Team

Calvin Beeker Joe Bulock Chris Chigaridas Brian Gibbon Terry Paulson

Special thanks to the Agoura Animal Care Center