



Welcome to New Hope Online Worship

Let us worship together, even while we are apart

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

Links have been provided for today's bible readings

Introduction to Worship

When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

Prelude and Announcements

Opening Song

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

by Brian Doerksen

Welcome and Introduction

Children's Message

Pastor Scott Fielder

Prayer of the Day

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 [\(click here to access reading\)](#)

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Hymnal #172

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22 [\(click here to access reading\)](#)

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

Message

Pastor Craig Beeker

"Render to God"

Hymn of the Day

ELW Hymnal #523

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Song

ELW Hymnal #825

"You Servants of God"

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