



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

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

Welcome Song and Announcements

Welcome and Introduction

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leila Mader

Opening Song

"Ready the Way"

by Curtis Stephan

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Pastor Scott Fielder

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 [click here for entire reading](#)

Leila Mader

God's People Are Comforted — In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. The Lord will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for his sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of the Lord.

Advent Gathering Song

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8 [click here for entire reading](#)

The Proclamation of John the Baptist — The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Message

Pastor Craig Beeker

"Let There Be... Peace"

Hymn

ELW Hymnal #261

"As Dark Awaits the Dawn"

Prayers of the People

Deacon Lynn Bulock

The Lord's Prayer

Conversations with God

Natalie Larkin

Poetry by Sarah Are

Benediction and Dismissal

Song

by Matt Maher

"Glory! Let There be Peace"

Postlude

Participants in Today's Worship

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

Vocalists
Aleta Braxton, Choir Director
Deacon Lynn Bulock
Terry Paulson

Pianist
David Cohen

Audio/Visual Team
Calvin Beeker
Chris Chigaridas
Terry Paulson