



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

Isaiah makes clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party

Prelude and Announcements

Opening Song

"Ready the Way"

by Bob Hurd

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Gaye Kahn and Harper Neal

Children's Message

Pastor Scott Fielder

Song

"Let there Be Praise"

Worship & Praise #87

Prayer of the Day

Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 [click here for entire reading](#)

Karen Ingram

Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of God, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn

Advent Gathering Song

"Come, Come, Emmanuel"

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28 [click here for entire reading](#)

John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.

Message

"Let There Be Joy!"

Deacon Lynn Bullock

Hymn

"He Came Down"

ELW Hymnal #253

Prayers of the People

Pastor Craig Beeker

The Lord's Prayer

Conversations with God

Poetry by Sarah Are

Natalie Larkin

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Song

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

ELW Hymnal #726

Postlude

Participants in Today's Worship

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

Vocalists

Aleta Braxton, Choir Director
Kevin Dalbey
Terry Paulson

Pianist

David Cohen

Audio/Visual Team

Calvin Beeker
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