

January 3, 2021 **Epiphany of Our Lord**



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

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians 3, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

Prelude and Announcements

Opening Song ELW Hymnal #275

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Welcome

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message Pastor Scott Fielder

Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 click here for entire reading

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

Hymn

"Mary's Boy Child" by Jester Hairston

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 click here for entire reading

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

Message Pastor Craig Beeker

"In Search of the Astounding Ordinary"

Hymn ELW Hymnal #715

"Christ, Be Our Light"

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Song

"We Three Kings"

Postlude

Participants in Today's Worship

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

Vocalists

Ann Ashamallah Aleta Braxton, Choir Director Kevin Dalbey Terry Paulson Pianist

David Cohen

David Coner

Audio/Visual Team Calvin Beeker Chris Chigaridas Terry Paulson