



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

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in [Acts 19:1-7](#) make clear that is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Prelude and Announcements

Opening Song ELW Hymnal #453
"Baptized and Set Free"

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message Pastor Scott Fielder

Reading: Genesis 1:1-5 [click here for entire reading](#) Kristine Beeker

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.

Gospel Acclamation ELW Hymnal #801
"Change My Heart, O God"

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11 [click here for entire reading](#)

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism and some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

Message Pastor Craig Beeker
"Keeping Up With Our Paces and Pauses"

Special Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty
"Living Waters"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Song ELW Hymnal #446
"I'm Going on a Journey"

Postlude

Participants in Today's Worship

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

Pianist
David Cohen

Vocalists
Aleta Braxton, Choir Director
Terry Paulson

Audio/Visual Team
Calvin Beeker
Chris Chigaridas
Terry Paulson