



## 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 third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

### Introduction and Announcements

#### Opening Hymn

"Nature Shines"

by Chris Juby

#### Welcome

#### Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and to act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Children's Message

Pastor Scott Fielder

#### Reading: [1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#) *click link for reading*

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in the weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified

#### Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 171b)

#### Gospel Reading: [John 2:13-22](#) *click link for reading*

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

#### Sermon Message

Rev. Craig R. Beeker

"Disrupted and Grace"

#### Hymn

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

by Kelvedon Green

#### Prayers of the People

*Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.*

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Benediction and Dismissal

#### Closing Song

ELW Hymnal #723

"Canticle of the Turning"

### Participants in Today's Worship

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