



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 fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. Then we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

Introduction and Announcements

Opening Song

"Open My Lips"

by David Cohen

Welcome

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopeless of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

Children's Message

Pastor Scott Fielder

Reading: [Numbers 21:4-9](#) *click link for reading*

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 171b)

Gospel Reading: [John 3:14-21](#) *click link for reading*

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

Sermon Message

Rev. Craig R. Beeker

"Drawn to the Light"

Hymn

ELW Hymnal #593

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Prayers of the People

Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn

ELW Hymnal #715

"Christ, Be Our Light"

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