



Welcome to New Hope

Watch our live service from our website each Sunday at 10a.m.

<http://newhopeagoura.org>

The recorded service will also be available anytime following the live-stream.

The mustard seed becomes a shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Opening Song

"We Walk by Faith"

ELW Hymnal #635

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke,
"My peace be with you here."
2. We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found
4. For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in
means divine: beneath the water and the
word, beneath the bread and wine.
5. And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.

Welcome and Introduction

Children's Time

Pastor Craig Beeker

Kyrie

ELW Hymnal #157

Hymn of Praise

ELW Hymnal #167

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory for evermore!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God.

Refrain

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ for ever!

Refrain

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 [click link for reading](#)

Sara King

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

Gospel Acclamation

"Veni Sancte Spiritus" (Holy Spirit, Come to Us)

ELW Hymnal #406

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34 [click link for reading](#)

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

Sermon Message

Deacon Lynn Bulock

"We Walk by Faith"

Hymn of the Day

"Good Soil"

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil.
Where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Graduate Blessing and Presentation of Quilts

Our High School Graduates: Luke Gibbons, Sara King, Uche Olelewe, Kate Powledge, Kevin Wilkinson

Godspeed

Brian and Luke Gibbons

Prayers of the People

Pastor Craig Beeker

"Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*"

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Song

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

ELW Hymnal #669

1. Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.
2. Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.
3. Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.
4. Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.
5. Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod,
and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O saints of God!

Participants in Today's Worship

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

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Calvin Beeker
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