



## Welcome to New Hope

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

<https://www.newhopeagoura.org>

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

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. ([Proverbs 9:1-6.](#)) The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God ([1 Cor.1:24](#)), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper; but there we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Song

"Here I Am to Worship"

by Tim Hughes

Kyrie

(ELW p. 203)

Hymn of Praise

"Glory be to God"

(ELW p. 204)

Prayer of the Day

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Children's Message

Pastor Craig Beeker

Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20 [click link for reading](#)

Deacon Lynn Bulock

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 205)

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58 [click link for reading](#)

Pastor Craig Beeker

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

Sermon Message

"Holy Tether"

Pastor Craig Beeker

Hymn of the Day

"Bread of Heaven"

Spirit & Song #241

Apostles' Creed

The Call to Stewardship

Prayers of the People

"God in your mercy, hear our prayer"

Deacon Lynn Bulock

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"May Your Kingdom Come"

Spirit & Song #328

### Participants in Today's Worship

Rev. Craig R. Beeker  
Deacon Lynn Bulock

Aleta Braxton, Music Director  
David Cohen, Pianist  
Terry Paulson, vocals

#### Audio / Video Technicians

Calvin Beeker  
Gail Beeker  
Gabe Hoffman  
Laurie Scott  
Catherine Wong