



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.

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the words of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Song

"Gather Us In"

ELW Hymnal #532

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: James 1:17-27 [click link for reading](#)

Alison Rowe

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 205)

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 [click link for reading](#)

Pastor Craig Beeker

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

Sermon Message

"The Heart of the Matter"

Pastor Craig Beeker

Hymn of the Day

"O God, My Faithful God"

ELW Hymnal #806

Apostles' Creed

The Call to Stewardship

Prayers of the People

"Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer"

Deacon Lynn Bulock

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

ELW Hymnal #879

Participants in Today's Worship

Rev. Craig R. Beeker
Deacon Lynn Bulock

Audio / Video Technicians
Calvin Beeker
Joe Bulock
Gabe Hoffman
Laurie Scott

David Cohen, Pianist

Vocals:

Ann Ashamalla
MaryAnn Fiore
Robin Martin
Terry Paulson