



## 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.

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

Welcome and Introduction

Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Song

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ELW Hymnal # 858

Prayer of the Day

Deacon Lynn Bulock

Children's Message

Pastor Craig Beeker

Reading: James 2:1-17 [click link for reading](#)

Bob Davis

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip-service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 188)

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37 [click link for reading](#)

Pastor Craig Beeker

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

Sermon Message

Pastor Craig Beeker

"When *Gone to the Dogs* is What's Meant to Happen"

Hymn of the Day

ELW Hymnal #612

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Apostles' Creed

The Call to Stewardship

Prayers of the People

Deacon Lynn Bulock

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

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn

"We See the Fruitful Harvest"

by Sam Hargreaves

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### Participants in Today's Worship

Rev. Craig R. Beeker  
Deacon Lynn Bulock

David Cohen, Pianist

Audio / Video Technicians  
Calvin Beeker  
Gabe Hoffman  
Karen Ingram  
Laurie Scott

Vocals:

Aleta Braxton, Music Director  
MaryAnn Fiore  
Terry Paulson