



## 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.

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly. Welcome and Introduction

### Opening Hymn

“God, the Maker of All Things”

by Sam Hargreaves

### Kyrie

(ELW p. 184)

### Hymn of Praise

(ELW p. 185)

### Prayer of the Day

Deacon Lynn Bullock

### Children’s Message

Pastor Craig Beeker

### Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a [click link for reading](#)

Charlie Croft

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

### Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 188)

### Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37 [click link for reading](#)

Pastor Craig Beeker

Jesus’ teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world’s definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

### Sermon Message

Pastor Craig Beeker

“Draw Near”

### Hymn of the Day

ELW Hymnal #397

“Loving Spirit”

### The Call to Stewardship

### Baptism of Hannah Rose Mader

Shannon and Leila Mader, parents  
Gary and Gail McGinnis, sponsors

### Apostles’ Creed

### Song of Blessing

### Prayers of the People

Deacon Lynn Bullock

“Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**”

### The Lord’s Prayer

### Benediction

### Closing Hymn

Spirit & Song #354

“Take Up Our Cross”

## Participants in Today’s Worship

Rev. Craig R. Beeker  
Deacon Lynn Bullock

David Cohen, Pianist

### Audio / Video Technicians

Calvin Beeker  
Gary McGinnis  
Gabe Hoffman  
Laurie Scott

### Vocals:

Aleta Braxton, Music Director  
MaryAnn Fiore  
Robin Martin  
Terry Paulson