



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's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters... the rivers... the fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

Welcome and Discussion

Opening Hymn

ELW Hymnal #793

"Be Thou My Vision"

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

Deacon Lynn Bullock

Children's Message

Laurie Scott

Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7 [click link for reading](#)

Mary Ann Fiore

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 216

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 [click link for reading](#)

Dr. Terry Paulson

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead, he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

Sermon

Dr. Terry Paulson

"God Confidence—I Am With You"

Hymn

"Be Not Afraid"

Apostles' Creed

Call to Stewardship

Prayers of Intercession

Deacon Lynn Bullock

"God of grace, **hear our prayer.**"

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing & Sending

Closing Hymn

ELW Hymnal #671

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

Participants in Today's Worship

Deacon Lynn Bullock
Dr. Terry Paulson
Mary Ann Fiore, Lay Reader
Laurie Scott, Children's Message

Vocals:
Aleta Braxton, Music Director
Mary Ann Fiore
Terry Paulson

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Laurie Scott

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