



## 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.

### INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace (*visit our website for all the readings for this week [www.NewHopeAgoura.org](http://www.NewHopeAgoura.org)*)

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| Welcome  | Deacon Lynn Bulock    |
| Confession & Forgiveness   | Deacon Lynn Bulock    |
| Hymn<br>"Arise"  |                       |
| Invocation   | Deacon Lynn Bulock    |
| Greeting   |                       |
| Kyrie  | (ELW p. 138)          |
| Glory to God   | (ELW p. 139)          |
| Prayer of the Day  | Deacon Lynn Bulock    |
| Children's Time  | Merylee Blair         |
| Reading: Acts 5:27-32 <a href="#">click link for reading</a>   | Deacon Lynn Bulock    |
| Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance   |                       |
| Reading: Revelation 1:4-8 <a href="#">click link for reading</a>   | Deacon Lynn Bulock    |
| The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet names John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time  |                       |
| Gospel Acclamation   | (ELW p. 142)          |
| Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 <a href="#">click link for reading</a>   | Pastor Steven Simpson |
| The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe." |                       |
| Sermon   | Pastor Steven Simpson |
| Hymn<br>"We Walk by Faith"   | ELW Hymnal #635       |
| Prayers of the People<br>"God of mercy, <b>hear our prayer.</b> "  | Deacon Lynn Bulock    |
| Stewardship Moment   |                       |
| Sharing the Peace  |                       |
| Service of Holy Communion  | Pastor Steven Simpson |
| Hymn of Praise   | (ELW p.144)           |
| The Lord's Prayer  |                       |
| Communion Hymn<br>"In Christ Alone"  |                       |
| Post Communion Prayer  | Deacon Lynn Bulock    |
| Blessing & Sending   |                       |
| Closing Hymn<br>"Crown Him With Many Crowns"   | ELW Hymnal #855       |

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### Participants in Today's Worship

Deacon Lynn Bulock  
Pastor Steven Simpson  
Merylee Blair, Children's Message

Audio / Video Technicians  
Calvin Beeker  
Gail Beeker  
Gabe Hoffman  
Laurie Scott

Vocals:  
Ann Ashamalla  
Robin Martin  
Megan Lindsey McDonald  
Terry Paulson

David Cohen, Pianist  
Music Director