

Worship Service - *“The Kingdom of God Has Come Near”*

Guest Preacher - Rev. Sacia Vik

21st January, 2024 - 3rd Sunday in Epiphany, Year B

Psalm 62:5-12 NRSV / Mark 1:14-20 NRSV

Prelude Played by church musician Annie Center

Opening Music (video) [*Fishers of Men*](#) Western Hills Church of Christ
written by Becky Buller, performed and uploaded to Youtube by Western Hills Church of Christ

Welcome / Announcements

I'm glad to welcome you to worship with Olympic View Community Church.
We seek to welcome all of God's children to join us in bearing witness to the radically transforming power of God's love.

Pass the Peace

Opening Hymn *Here in this Place* 6

Call to Worship

One: To the fisherman Jesus said:

All: *“Follow me and I will make you fish for people.*

One: To the tax collector Jesus said:

All: *“Follow me.”*

One: To the rich man Jesus said:

All: *“Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”*

One: At the last supper Jesus said:

All: *“Follow me.”*

One: To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:

All: *“Follow me!”*

Invocation

Gracious Christ, you came to the fishermen when the prophet John was taken away. Come to us now, as we fear losses of our own. Grant us courage to cast aside the nets that bind us, to follow you into true freedom and newness of life. Help us to be faithful disciples, that we might inspire others to follow in your ways. Amen.

Psalm Reading Psalm 62:5-12 NRSV

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

For you repay to all according to their work.

A Time of Prayer

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Today we come together as a community to share together our joys and concerns, and lift them to God in prayer.

Pastoral Prayer Prayer by pastor

Hymn ***A Mighty Fortress is our God*** **165**

Gospel Reading **Mark 1:14-20 NRSV**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God

and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.

And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'

And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Message - “*The Kingdom of God Has Come Near*”

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Call to Serve

As we continue to seek to become a place of compassion and support to our community, we ask that you give prayerful consideration as to how you may support our efforts. If you would like to make a donation, there are envelopes by the collection plate at the entrance. Online donations can be made through our website. Prayers and suggestions are also welcome! Thanks again for all your support, and may we continue to work together to keep being a place of ministry that seeks to promote the growth of God's shalom around us. Today, as we listen to Annie play, let's reflect on how we celebrate our faith, and how we might use our gifts and talents to inspire others to do the same.

A Time for Reflection

Played by church musician Annie Center

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, our Rock and our Redeemer, you are our stronghold against the forces within human life that confront us each day; and which try to shake our faith and resolve; so we look to you in confidence and trust. We pour out our hearts to you O God, because our God is there waiting to lovingly respond to our needs, and quietly waits to offer us love and acceptance, and a secure road to travel that will lead us to our home in God. Thanks be to God - our Rock, our Redeemer and our Refuge – always. Amen.

Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

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Benediction

Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.

Postlude

played by church musician Annie Center