

## Worship Resources - *“Making Something”*

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Epiphany, Year B,

Guest Preacher - Dan Smith-Derksen

4<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

**1 Corinthians 9:16-23 NSRVA / Mark 1:29-39 NSRVA**

### Prelude

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### Opening Music (video)

[Make A Difference](#) Mwamba Rock Choir  
Posted to YouTube by Rock Ministries NI Trust (2009)

### 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. As we gather today, let's share the joy and peace of Christ with each other by greeting each other as we pass the peace.

### Pass the Peace

**Opening Hymn - Christian Let Your Burning Light 402**

### Call to Worship

One: Jesus offers a new-old commandment, that we should love each other.

**All: With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God's love for us we can we must love one another.**

One: And it is in this our love for one another that the world will know whom and what we worship.

**All: Come, children of God, let us love one another.**

### Invocation

Loving God, I can only love others with your love, for of myself my love is so limited. Pour forth your love into my heart so that the love of Jesus streams out from me as rivers of His living water. I pray that through me, your love would bless those around me. Amen.

## **Epistle Reading      1 Corinthians 9:16-23 NSRVA**

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel!

For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission.

What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law.

To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law.

To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some.

I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

## **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                      When We Walk With the Lord                      544**

## **Gospel Reading      Mark 1:29-39 NSRVA**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.

And the whole city was gathered around the door.

And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.'

He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.'

And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

## **Message ~ *Making Something***

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### **Sermon Closing Video:**

[Brave Man From Ohio](#) by Andy and Terry Murphy

## **Call to Serve**

Our Lord, who has called us to love, open our eyes so that we can see the beloved community around us. Help us to see the many layers of that community and how we make a difference in every one of them, both individually and as a faith family. Help us discover where and how we can use the gifts that you have shared with us to bless others, so that the ripples of your love will flow from our center outward, bringing joy, hope, comfort, and light in this world. Amen.

## **A Time for Reflection**

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Today is Service Sunday. This is a day to remember those who have served us as individuals. We admire those who serve our congregation. We celebrate those who work for the denomination and other ministries beyond the Church of the Brethren. Let us take a moment to silently name those who have served in the past and continue to serve us now. [Silent moment.] May these saints be an inspiration to us as we rejoice in the gift of serving others as Christ has taught us to do. Let the message today of selfless service move us to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we go about our daily lives..

## Hymn

[Let Me Be Your Servant - 307](#)

## Benediction

Beloved, the world is waiting! Uncountable people and places and situations are looking for someone just like you to come, to share, to look, to listen, to feel, to pray, to witness, to act, to serve, to love—fully and deeply and wonderfully. You are loved by a God who IS love, so get out there and show the world what that love looks like. Amen.

## Postlude

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Postlude <https://youtu.be/J1f50vMht7Q?si=qItRsg22SfszXkw5>  
(<https://youtu.be/J1f50vMht7Q?si=qItRsg22SfszXkw5>)

[Offertory](#)