Worship Service "P......U......S......H"

Guest Pastor Colleen Michael

February 18, 2024 – Lent 1,

Mark 1:9-15 NRSV / Psalm 25: 1-10 NRSV

Prelude played by church musician Annie Center,

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Opening Music (video) Over the Rainbow The Tabernacle Choir

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

Now that you are back in your seats, please stand in body or spirit as you are able and join together in singing the opening hymn

Opening Hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" 573 Call To Worship

One: God has given us the sign of the rainbow,

All: A covenant between God and all of creation.

One: God has given us the commandments,

All: The teachings of old to guide us to God.

One: God has sent his son Jesus to us,

All: The Word made Flesh to live among us.

One: God has shown us the Way, the Truth, and the Life,

All: May we turn our hearts and minds to worship and follow Christ.

Invocation

Surprise us, O God, with the vision of your reign. Strengthen us to uphold your justice and peace. Stir us to welcome all people as you have welcomed us.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15 NRSV

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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."

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

Hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #353 Old Testament Reading Psalm 25:1-10 NSRV

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

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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 of Reflection - Annie Center

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #37

Benediction

Postlude played by church musician Annie Center,