

## **Worship Service - “How to See”**

**Palm Sunday, Year B,**

24<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 ESV / Mark 10:46-52 ESV**

**Prelude** played by church musician Annie Center

**Opening Music (video)** **Blind Bartimus** **Cesar Benzoni**

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## **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** **The Church's One Foundation ~ 311**

## **Call to Worship**

One: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

One: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

## **Invocation**

Prayer by pastor

## Old Testament Reading ~ Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 ESV

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

## 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. <start by sharing a prayer concern, and invite others to share**

### Pastoral Prayer

Prayer by pastor

### Hymn

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ~ 238**

## **Gospel Reading ~ Mark 10:46-52 ESV**

And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.

And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you."

And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight."

And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

## **Message ~ "How to See"**

### **A Time of Communion**

**One:** All who are in love and fellowship with your brothers and sisters, who do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and who humbly put your trust in Christ and desire his help that you might lead a more godly life, draw nigh to God and receive these emblems to your comfort and wholeness.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

*Partaking of the Bread*

***The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.***

*Partaking of the Cups*

*The cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.*

## **Communion Hymn**

**Eat this bread ~ 471**

## **Call to Serve**

As we begin Holy Week we ask that you consider all the ways that you could help our community through prayers, participation, partnering, or philanthropy. Donations are always welcome, but there are many other ways to contribute as well. Sign up to be a worship leader. Reach out to a friend who might be lonely. Give a sandwich to somebody on the street. Keep your eyes open to opportunities and possibilities to make another person's day a little more hopeful. And pray for the courage to step out in faith when the time is right. It all begins and ends with prayer - in gratitude, in crisis, in reflection on the day's events. Thanks again for all your support, and may we continue to work together to experience God's kingdom on earth.

## **A Time for Reflection**

Played by church musician Annie Center,

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, that we might respond through the power of the Spirit to heal the afflicted and to welcome the abandoned for your sake and the sake of the gospel. Amen.

## **Hymn**

**All Glory Laud and Honor ~ 237**

## **Benediction**

Short prayer by pastor

## **Postlude**

played by church musician Annie Center,

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