

Worship Service ~ “Tricking the Trickster”

5th Sunday in Lent, Year B,

17th March, 2024

Psalm 119:9-16 NSRVA / Luke 13:31-35 NSRVA

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Opening Music

Such a Time as This

(Michael Stern)

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 Does the Lord Require of Thee

(Michael w/Annie & Roger)

Call to Worship

One: New life rises!

All: That which rises, must first fall and die.

One: Single grains merely remain as they are unless they are released to the ground.

All: The grains of the earth that fall will multiply and nourish.

One: Come, die to the self and live a life of service to the Living God.

All: And God will raise us up anew. Amen.

Invocation

Old Testament Reading ~ Psalm 119:9-16

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Scripture Skit ~ “The Sower”

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

Folk Hymn **“Fools in This World’s Eyes”** (by Mike) w/sing-along chorus:

Fools in this world’s eyes,
Fools in this world’s eyes,
Fools of compassion whose love never dies,
Fools in this world’s eyes

Gospel reading ~ Luke 13:31-35 NSRVA

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.'

He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem."

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Message ~ Tricking the Trickster

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

Take a deep breath, and know God's spirit is in you. Breathe out, and know God's peace is all around you. Remember this: God is in every breath, God is in every moment, and you are beloved to God. You are cared for. You matter. Give thanks to God, and give grace to one another, and live into God's peace. Amen.

Hymn

On the Road to Freedom

(Michael) w/sing-along chorus:

On the road to freedom on the road
On the road to freedom on the road
Seared by fire, smitten by the cold
On the road to freedom on the road

Benediction

Postlude

played by church musician Annie Center,

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