

## Worship Service ~ “Truth and Love”

2<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B, *Guest Preacher - Jonny Finlayson*

7<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

### Psalm 133 NRSV / 2 John NRSV

#### Prelude

[Because He Lives](#)

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#### Opening Music (Video)

[Invited](#)

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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

[From the Inside Out](#)

#### Opening Hymn (Video)

[Come, We That Love the Lord](#)

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### Call to Worship

One: Though we may be inclined to brag, let us come together with humility.

**All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

One: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

**All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

One: Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.

**All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

One: Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love.

**All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

One: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,

**All: Let us worship the God who has called us together.**

## Invocation

Lord Jesus Christ, the light of your love shines on, illuminating the places where you are present. As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your appearance, you penetrated the darkness of their fear and doubt with your word of peace. You showed them the appalling marks of evil pierced on your hands and feet. You opened their minds to understand why you had to die to defeat such evil and death. Increase our understanding, we pray, and open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord. Speak your word of peace to us and let your love shine on any dark areas in our lives. May this worship which we offer in your name be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading ~ Psalm 133 NRSV

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

## 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 (Video)

[\*God of Grace and God of Glory\*](#)

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## Gospel reading ~ 2 John NRSV

The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth, and not only I but also all who know the truth, because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love.

I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father.

But now, dear lady, I ask you, not as though I were writing you a new commandment but one we have had from the beginning: let us love one another.

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment just as you have heard it from the beginning—you must walk in it.

Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh; any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist!

Be on your guard, so that you do not lose what we have worked for but may receive a full reward.

Everyone who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God; whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive and welcome this person into your house, for to welcome is to participate in the evil deeds of such a person.

Although I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink; instead, I hope to come to you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

The children of your elect sister send you their greetings.

**Message ~ “*Truth and Love*”** *Guest Preacher - Jonny Finlayson*

## **Call to Serve**      [Amazing Grace](#)

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

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Living God,

You appeared to your disciples in their hour of fear, and offered them your peace to still their hearts. May we open our arms to be living hope in the world today, bringing peace to those in living in fear. Give us courage to be bold in what we believe; may we hold firm to your promise of life and hope, and strive for a new world, free from poverty, injustice and conflict.

## Hymn (Video)

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## Benediction

Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God.

Walk in the light; testify to the resurrection of Christ; forgive the sins of all, and live at peace with one another.

And may God bless you with life forever; May Christ Jesus breathe his Spirit and peace into you; And may the Holy Spirit lead you into the life and light of God.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
.....*In the name of Christ. Amen.*

## Postlude

[\*\*Victory In Jesus\*\*](#)

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