

Worship Service - Nick at Night and My Brother Mike

4th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,

16th June, 2024

2 Corinthians 5:6-21 ESV / Genesis 12:1-4a & John 3:1-12 ESV

Prelude

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Opening Music (video)

[Red Letters](#)

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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

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

We Walk By Faith ~ 570

Call to Worship

One: May God answer you and send you help and support.

All: May the Lord hear all our prayers, receive our confession and forgive us, hold as precious our lament, And rejoice in our worship.

One: May he grant your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.

**All: May we shout for joy over the victory of Christ!
Because of him, we know the Lord will help us and hold us.**

One: Some trust in wealth, influence, or human power and intellect,

All: But our trust is in Christ, His Word is our authority, His Kingdom is our Mission, His praise is our safe place.

Invocation

God our Father, we come to you bruised and battered by the sin, suffering and death remaining in us and in the world around us. But we come in faith that you have given Christ the victory over sin, suffering, and death forever. And in him, you also give us victory, redemption and freedom from the same.

So come in our worship and fill us by your Spirit with all the ability to know the height, depth and breadth of Christ's love for us.

Amen.

Epistle Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 5:6-21 ESV

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,

for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

All Creatures of our God and King ~ 48

*[**Sing verses 1,2,5,&7]*

Sermon Passage ~ Genesis 12:1-4a ESV & John 3:1-12 ESV

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

John 3:1-12 ESV

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?

Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

Message

Nick at Night and My Brother Mike

Guest Preacher Dan Stern

Call to Serve

As we seek to become a place of compassion 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. As we listen to Annie play, reflect on the blessings that are all around us, and give thanks for the time we have together.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all grace, we thank you for your means of grace that you give. You do not withhold anything good from those who seek your face. You do not withhold the things we need to serve you, love our church community and care for our neighbors in the world. Most of all you, have given us yourself!

By the Spirit of resurrection, cultivate hearts of growing thanks, coupled with hands ready to serve. In Jesus name, Amen.

Hymn **Jesus Came - the Heavens Adoring ~ 297**

Benediction Short prayer by pastor

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