

Worship Service

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,

2nd June, 2024

Mark 2:23-3:6 ESV / Psalm 139:1-19 ESV

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

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Opening Music (video)

[***This Little Light of Mine***](#) ~ Gospel Church

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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

Take My Life ~ 389

Call to Worship

One: To know the warmth of love,

All: **To have the assurance that someone cares,**

One: To be confident of our worth,

All: **To be bold to love in return,**

One: To be washed over with grace,

All: **To be accepted as we are:**

One: This is to know a bit of God.

All: **Then let us worship our God.**

– Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

Invocation

Your hand is upon your people, O God,
to guide and protect them through the ages.
Keep in your service
those you have called and anointed,
that the powers of this world may not overwhelm us,
but that, secure in your love,
we may carry out your will
in the face of all adversity. Amen.

Gospel Reading - Mark 2:23-3:6 ESV

One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him:

how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?"

And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand.

And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here."

And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.

And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

Christian, Let Your Burning Light ~ 402

Old Testament Reading **Psalm 139:1-19 ESV**

O LORD, YOU have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

