

**Worship Service ~ Reset for Rest**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,**  
**14<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**  
**Isaiah 62 / Mark 2:18-3:6 ESV**

**Prelude** played by church musician Annie Center,

**Welcome / Announcements**

**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 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ~ 37**

**Call to Worship**

One: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

**All: We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

One: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**All: We listen, alive to the Word of God.**

One: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

**All: We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

**Invocation**

Oh God, you who are the eternal Light, shine into our hearts; the eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil; possessor of eternal Power, be our support; and eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance; eternal Love, have mercy upon us, that we may seek your face and be brought to your holy presence through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading ~ Isaiah 62

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night  
they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest,

and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored;

but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."

Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples.

Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the

daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.”

And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

### **Installation of Reverend Jonny Finlayson** ~ Howard Ullery/ Congregational Representative

#### ○ Introduction

##### ■ **Howard** - District Executive

- **The Church of the Brethren throughout its history has embraced the concept of the believers church and the priesthood of all believers. Thus when persons are baptized, they are ordained into ministry in the church.**
- **To assist members in this shared ministry, the Church of the Brethren calls people to special tasks and ordains them for set-apart roles of leadership. Such persons are recognized as having the gifts and training that prepare them for special leadership responsibilities. These gifts may include preaching, teaching, counseling, evangelism, administration and other specialized services in the church’s life.**
- **Today we celebrate an important moment in the life of your congregation as we install a person to lead you in your ministry. You have called Jonny Finlayson to be a servant of Christ in this place.**
- **Roger, representing this congregation, will introduce the new minister.**

##### ■ **Roger** - Congregational Representative

- **We, the Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren, led by God’s Spirit, have called Jonny to be our pastor. We have invited him to become part of our family of faith and to serve among our people and in our community.**

#### ○ Vows/Charge to the Pastor

##### ■ **Howard** - District Executive

- **Jonny, you have been called to be pastor of this congregation. You have accepted a call. Do you believe that this call, and your**

acceptance of this call are in response to the leading of the Holy Spirit?

■ *Jonny* - Pastoral Candidate

- Yes, I do.

■ *Howard* - District Executive

- **Will you be constant in prayer, a faithful interpreter of scripture, a pursuer of truth, and a proclaimer of the Word of God through Christ?**

■ *Jonny* - Pastoral Candidate

- Yes, I will.

■ *Howard* - District Executive

- **Will you attempt to live honestly, openly, and justly with your brothers and sisters in this congregation? Will you seek to be sensitive to the needs of each person? Will you work diligently to fulfill your assigned responsibilities? And will you represent this congregation to the wider community in a way that will embody the teachings of Christ?**

■ *Jonny* - Pastoral Candidate

- Yes, I will.

■ *Howard* - District Executive

- **Jonny, I charge you, in the presence of God and these people, to be faithful to the vows you have just taken. Let the words addressed to Timothy be spoken to you also: “Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince; rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching ... always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of the evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. (2 Tim 4:2,5)**

**May God give you the Holy Spirit for the work of ministry now committed to you in this congregation. Remember that “God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.” (2 Tim 1:7)**

- Charge to the Congregation
  - **Howard** - District Executive
    - **You have called Jonny to be your interim pastor. He has responded to your call and has promised to perform faithfully the responsibilities of this ministry. It is your responsibility to give Jonny your loyal support. Lift him and his work in your prayers. Grant your pastor the freedom to be the person God has created him to be. Encourage your pastor in the expression and use of the gifts that he uniquely possesses. Be with him a mutual seeker of truth and co-worker in the work of the kingdom. Appreciate the heritage of the Church of the Brethren in recognizing the freedom of the pulpit. Be a good employer to your pastor, exercising fair and just agreements with compassion.**  
**Do you now pledge your support and your full cooperation to the pastor you have called?**
      - Congregation
        - We do
      - *All* - Congregational Response
        - I receive Jonny Finlayson as interim pastor of this church. In the ministries to which God is calling this congregation, I will support our new pastor with my prayers and sincere cooperation. I will affirm Jonny as a person with needs similar to my own and I will seek discussion with him in love when I question his actions. I intend to be a partner with him as we discern Christ's teachings together. I pray God's blessing upon you, Jonny, as you become our pastor and upon us all as we share in this ministry.
- **Howard** - District Executive
  - **In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Pacific Northwest District of the Church of the Brethren, I now affirm that Jonny Finlayson is officially installed as Interim pastor of this**

**congregation. May God bless this new relationship of pastor and people.**

- *Roger* - Congregational Representative
  - Jonny, on behalf of this congregation, I receive you as our interim pastor. We have heard your vows and you have heard our promises. This is a covenant we have made together. Let us join in a prayer of consecration.
- Prayer of Consecration
  - **Howard** - District Executive

**O God, by whom your people are called to give service through the church, we ask your blessing upon the covenant we have made together as pastor and people.**

**We thank you for the calling to ministry that comes to all of us. On this day we are especially glad for the calling to pastoral ministry. Be a source of strength and power to Jonny, whom we have now installed. Endow him with gifts of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Bind him to the hearts of each member of this congregation. Impart to him wisdom and courage to deal with problems and difficulties, as well as humility in experiencing success and blessing.**

**May we all live and work together within this family of faith so that we will be able to bear witness to the presence and power of your kingdom among us. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

## **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**                      **God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian ~ 632**  
**Sermon Passage**        ~    **Mark 2:18 - 3:6 ESV**

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made.

And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins."

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.

## **Message ~ Reset for Rest**

*Interim Pastor Jonny Finlayson*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Call to Serve**

Jesus offers a feast of his grace, but much of the world still lies in poverty and famine. Christ sets prisoners free, yet many are enslaved. Many are rich with material goods, yet poor towards God. As New Covenant believers, and on this day of rest, may we be built up and strengthened for the days of service ahead. Hear our master's call to take his good news to the world. In compassion, in service, in word and deed, in truth and love; be his ambassadors for reconciliation and righteousness. As we listen to Annie play, reflect on where Christ might be calling you to extend his grace.

## **A Time for Reflection**

Played by church musician Annie Center,

## **Hymn**

**Abide with me ~ 653**

## **Benediction**

Short prayer by pastor

## **Postlude**

played by church musician Annie Center,

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