

****Worship Service ~ Greater Than the Storm**

14th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,

25th August, 2024

Jonah 1 / Mark 4:35-41

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

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

Please stand if you're able and hear the Lord call us into worship.

Call to Worship

One: Be merciful to us, O God, we come to you for safety;

All: We will outlast the storm in your presence.

One: All around us is danger, fear, anxiety and discouragement.

All: We come to you to see your glory, to hear your voice, to rejoice at your power.

One: Oh Lord, we see you as you are in the face of Christ.

All: And we grow in wisdom and are invigorated in faith.

One: His voice will calm the storm that rages around us.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Invocation

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow. Though our faith is small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing ~ 110

Scripture Reading ~ Jonah 1

1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.”

3 But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

4 But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up.

5 Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep.

6 So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

7 And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

8 Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?”

9 And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”

10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

11 Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous.

12 He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.”

13 Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them.

14 Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you."

15 So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.

16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

17 And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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

When the Storms of Life are Raging ~ 558

Sermon Passage ~ Mark 4:35-41

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him.

37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.

38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"

41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Welcome to the Table of the Lord (*Responsive Reading*)

One: God shows his love for us

All: in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

One: Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life;

All: whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Prayer

Lord's Supper

(Short explanation of the supper and it's significance, then ask servers to come and assist)

Pastor: The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

All: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

(everyone eats their bread)

All: The cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

(everyone drinks their cup)

Prayer

Oh God of our journey, you have led us to the living water, to the bread of life, to the wine of Christ's redemption joy. Refresh and sustain us with this feast as we go out from here; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Communion Hymn

(Sing 2x)

Eat this bread

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Call to Serve

Consider the bread and wine, the body and blood. There is no one who has ever loved you one as much as Jesus loves you. He tells you this:

“‘Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important law to live your life by.

But there is another also: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’”

This week - every moment will be an opportunity to either obey or disobey Jesus. He loves you. Stay close to him. He’ll lead you; where is he calling you?

A Time for Reflection

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Hymn

The Lord’s My Shepherd ~ 578

Benediction

Short prayer by pastor

Postlude

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