

Worship Service ~ *The Inner Storm & What the Neighbors Thought*
15th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,

1st September, 2024

Psalm 3 / Mark 5:1-20

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Good morning, It's my pleasure to welcome you to worship with Olympic View Community Church.

Call to Worship

One: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: This is the day that the stone is cast aside and the mantle of darkness is torn away.

One: God has swallowed up death forever and brushed our tears away.

All: This is the day of salvation.

One: Be glad and rejoice – the Lord of Light has come and reigns forever.
Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Based on Hymnal Worship Resources # 668)

Invocation

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount ~ 521

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ Psalm 3

O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

2 many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God."

3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

4 I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.

5 I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

7 Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

Let's greet one another with the peace of Christ as we pass the peace.

Pass the Peace

Sharing joys and concerns

In a moment we are going to pray together, but before we do, does anyone have any announcements to share about anything in the life of the church coming up?

[let people share announcements]

Does anyone have any joys or concerns to share?

[let people share prayer items]

Pastoral Prayer (responsive) Prayer by pastor

Various times throughout the prayer the pastor and congregation will respond with the following:

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Hymn ***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less ~ 343***

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Mark 5:1-20

5 They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. **2** And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. **3** He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, **4** for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. **5** Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. **6** And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. **7** And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." **8** For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" **9** And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." **10** And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. **11** Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, **12** and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." **13** So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

14 The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. **15** And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. **16** And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. **17** And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. **18** As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. **19** And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." **20** And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

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Rev. Jonny Finlayson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responding to the Word Together

Call to Serve

A Time for Reflection

Played by church musician Annie Center,

Hymn

Amazing Grace ~ 143

Benediction

Short prayer by pastor

Postlude

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