

## **Worship Service ~ *Clean Hands and Pure Hearts***

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,**

**13<sup>th</sup> October, 2024**

**Psalm 24 / Mark 7:1-23**

**Prelude**

played by church musician Annie Center,

## **Gathering Together**

**Welcome**

**It's my pleasure to welcome you to worship with Olympic View Community Church. Please stand with me, if you're able, and hear the Lord call us into worship.**

**Call to Worship**

One: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

**All: Come, let us adore him.**

One: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**All: Come, let us adore him.**

One: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

**All: Come, let us adore him.**

One: Lord, open our lips.

**All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**Invocation**

Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind, but in faith we do see Jesus. We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died.

We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him.

For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy: Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord!  
Amen.

**Opening Hymn**

**Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing ~ 110**

# Engaging with God Together

## Scripture Reading ~ Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

**2** for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

**3** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**4** He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

**5** He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**6** Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**7** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**8** Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

**9** Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**10** Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

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

## Pass the Peace

### Sharing Announcements and Prayer Requests

**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?**

**Does anyone have any joys or concerns to share?**

**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**                      **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ~ 592** (v1,2,4)

## **Hearing the Word Together**

### **Sermon Passage ~ Mark 7:1-23**

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, **2** they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. **3** (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, **4** and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) **5** And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” **6** And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;

**7** in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

**8** You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

**9** And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! **10** For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ **11** But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— **12** then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, **13** thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

**14** And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: **15** There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” **17** And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. **18** And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, **19** since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) **20** And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. **21** For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, **22** coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. **23** All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

## **Sermon**

*Clean Hands and Pure Hearts*

*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**

**Have Thine Own Way ~ 504**

## **Benediction**

Short prayer by pastor

## **Postlude**

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