

Worship Service

23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,

27th October, 2024

1 Kings 17:8-24 / Mark 7:24-37

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Welcome

Good morning, 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: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

All: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

One: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Invocation

God of glory, you are the end of our searching, and the goal of our lives.

Help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain what matters most, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

Opening Hymn

Jesus Came - the Heavens Adoring ~ 297

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ 1 Kings 17:8-24

8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, **9** “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” **11** And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” **12** And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” **13** And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. **14** For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” **15** And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. **16** The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. **18** And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” **19** And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. **20** And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” **21** Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again.” **22** And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. **23** And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” **24** And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

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?

Pastoral Prayer (responsive)

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

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

Hymn For We Are Strangers No More ~ 322

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Mark 7:24-37

24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. **25** But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. **26** Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. **27** And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." **28** But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." **29** And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." **30** And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. **32** And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. **34** And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” **35** And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. **36** And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. **37** And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Sermon ~ Rev. Jonny Finlayson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responding to the Word Together

Call to Serve

As you have been fed by Christ; go feed the hungry.

As you have been set free by the gospel; go to set free all kinds of prisoners.

As you have received; give.

As you have heard the word; proclaim it to others.

As God has worked gracious redemption and sanctification in you; testify to it.

As you see God’s righteousness and peace around you; point it out.

And in everything, where there is need beyond you, blessing unearned by you, sorrow that threatens you, or joy that overwhelms you; pray.

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

Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing ~ 110

Benediction

Short prayer by pastor

Postlude

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