

Worship Service ~ *A Place Apart*
24th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B,
3rd November, 2024
Hebrews 4:11-16 / Psalm 46

Prelude played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Welcome

Good morning, my name is [say your first name]. 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: People of God, worship the living God today!

All: Let us praise him!

One: Out of nothing God created the heavens and earth.

All: Let us praise him!

One: God raised Jesus from the dead to the power of his right hand.

All: Let us praise him!

One: Not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes.

All: Let us praise God who reigns now and forever!

Invocation

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Opening Hymn Here in This Place ~ 6

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ Hebrews 4:11-16

11 Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall through such disobedience as theirs.

12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **13** And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. **15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ~ 588

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

10 'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'

11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Sermon ~ *A Place Apart* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Guest Speaker. Howard Ullery

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

There is a Place of Quiet Rest ~ 5

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Short prayer by pastor

Postlude

played by church musician Annie Center,

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