

## **Worship Resources ~**

***If God is For Us, Don't Be Surprised if the World is Against Us.***

***Epiphany 3, Year A,***

25th January 2026

**Romans 8:31-39 / Genesis 39**

### **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**

Father God, we praise you for creating this world in all beauty, for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord, and for sending us the gift of your Spirit to encourage, instruct, and sustain us.

We long for your Spirit to work among us now, to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth, and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.

### **Opening Hymn      *Come Ye That Love the Lord ~ 14***

# Engaging with God Together

## Scripture Reading ~ Romans 8:31-39

**31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36** As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

**37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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

*Prayer by pastor*

## Hymn

***When the Storms of Life are Raging ~ 558***

# Hearing the Word Together

## Sermon Passage ~ Genesis 39

**1** Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

**2** The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. **3** When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, **4** Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. **5** From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. **6** So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, **7** and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

**8** But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. **9** No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" **10** And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

**11** One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. **12** She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

**13** When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, **14** she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. **15** When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

**16** She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. **17** Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. **18** But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

**19** When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” he burned with anger. **20** Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, **21** the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. **22** So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. **23** The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph’s care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

**Sermon ~ *If God is For Us, Don’t Be Surprised if the World is Against Us.***

*Rev. Jonny Finlayson*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Responding to the Word Together**

**Call to Serve**

**A Time for Reflection**

Played by church musician Annie Center,

**Closing Hymn      *Breathe On Me Breath of God ~ 356***

**Benediction**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**Postlude**

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