

Worship Service ~ *The Forgotten Revelator*

Epiphany 4, Year A,

1st February 2026

Exodus 1:8-14, Exodus 2:23-25 / Genesis 40

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: Christ came to share our flesh and shoulder our burdens

All: Let us not hesitate to bring him our burdens of sin and suffering.

One: Christ arose to give us life, to intercede for us, to advocate for us

All: Let us find full comfort and assurance in his perfect representation.

One: Christ, by his Word and Spirit will show us his love and mercy

All: Christ is for us, Christ is with us, Christ will not forget us.

Invocation

Oh God of all knowledge and insight, you know us inside and out, you know our world; our neighbors; and our community. You know all we need, and you know we need this, we need your presence, we need you!

So in our singing; in our prayers; in our reading and listening and our greeting and our fellowship - give us yourself. We trust in the Spirit to bring us into your presence, and in Christ to grant us access and affirmation. In his name, Amen.

Opening Hymn

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing ~ 110

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ Exodus 1:8-14, Exodus 2:23-25

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. **9** And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. **10** Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” **11** Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. **12** But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. **13** So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves **14** and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

23 During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. **24** And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. **25** God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

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

My Song is Love Unknown ~ 235 (v1,3,6,7)

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Genesis 40

40 Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. **2** And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, **3** and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. **4** The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody.

5 And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. **6** When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. **7** So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, “Why are your faces downcast today?” **8** They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”

9 So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, “In my dream there was a vine before me, **10** and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. **11** Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand.” **12** Then Joseph said to him, “This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. **13** In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. **14** Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. **15** For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.”

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, “I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, **17** and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head.” **18** And Joseph answered and said, “This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days. **19** In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you.”

20 On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. **21** He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. **22** But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. **23** Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Sermon ~ The Forgotten Revelator

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 *God be With You ~ 430*

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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