

Worship Service ~ *We Will Not Be Silent*

6th Sunday after Epiphany, Year C,

15th February, 2026

Leviticus 25:8-10 / Luke 4:16-21

Words to Reflect Upon (in silence displayed on screen)

“We will have to repent in this generation, not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people.”

Letter from Birmingham Jail by Martin Luther King, Jr, 1963

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

George Santayana, *The Life of Reason*, 1905

Opening Song ***“We Still Have a Dream”*** (by Betsy Rose © Paper Crane Records)

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 join in the call to worship.

Call to Worship (in Unison) - *Isaiah 62:1*

“For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake, I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, and her salvation like a torch that is burning.”

Invocation Prayer

God, we come before you this morning, having waited too long to bring good news to the poor and brokenhearted, Too long to comfort those who mourn; having waited in silence for too long without proclaiming freedom for those who are captive, Too long without speaking out for liberty for those who are oppressed. We ask your forgiveness for waiting in silence too long, and we pray for your blessing to lift our voices for a new year of Jubilee. Amen.

Song ***“Take Only What You Can Carry”*** (by Mike Stern)

Acknowledging the Day of Remembrance of Executive Order 9066, February 19, 1942.

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?

Prayer Prayer by worship leader

Engaging with God Together

Hearing the Word Together

Scripture Reading ~ Leviticus 25:8-10

You are to count off seven weeks of years – seven times seven, that is to say a period of seven weeks of years, forty-nine years. And on the tenth day of the seventh month you shall sound the trumpet; on the Day of Atonement you shall sound the trumpet throughout the land. You will declare this fiftieth year sacred and proclaim the liberation of all the inhabitants of the land. This is to be a jubilee for you; each of you will return to your ancestral home, each to your own Family. (New Jerusalem Bible)

Scripture Readings ~ Luke 4:16-21

Jesus came to Nazareth where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of God has been given to me, for God has anointed me. God has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the year of Jubilee. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him.²¹ Then he began to speak to them again, saying: “This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.”

Sermon ~ *We Will Not Be Silent*

Mike Stern

Songs

“Such a Time as This” *Songs (by Mike Stern)*
(call/response chorus)

“Jubilee”

(sing along chorus):

**Good news to the poor, the broken hearts heal
Captives will find liberty.
Nation will not make war upon nation
Out of darkness the light of Jubilee.**

Responding to the Word Together

Unison Benediction - *excerpts from Isaiah 61 and 62 (led by worship leader)*

[Fill in the blanks with your own names.]

The Spirit of our Creator God is upon me, _____,

because God has anointed me, _____

to bring good news to the poor;

God has sent me, _____

to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives,

and to open the gates of prison to those who are bound;

to proclaim the year of Jubilee

For Zion’s sake I, _____ will not keep silent,

and for Heaven’s sake I, _____ will not remain quiet,

till justice shines like the dawn, and her salvation like a blazing torch.

Closing Song

“On the Road to Freedom”

(by Mike Stern)

Sing-along-chorus:

On the road to freedom, on the road

On the road to freedom, on the road

Seared by fire, smitten by the cold

On the road to freedom, on the road

Additional Links:

<https://www.brethren.org/messenger/uncategorized/remembering-internment/>

<https://www.sadakorenewalproject.com/>

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