

Worship Service ~ *A Time for Patience & Presence*

Pentecost 1, Year A,

May 31, 2026

John 1:1-5 / Habakkuk 1:2-4, 13, ch 2:1-3 CEB

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Welcome

Good morning, my name is Kathryn Smith Derksen. It's my pleasure to welcome you to worship with Olympic View Community Church. Please stand with as you are able, and hear the Lord call us into worship.

Call to Worship

One: On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God:

All: **We come, trusting God will speak to us; we come, hoping God will surprise us.**

One: On this day, like every other day, we seek to follow Jesus:

All: **we follow, believing Jesus will be with us; we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.**

One: On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

All: **we open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us; we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.**

Invocation

Gracious and ever-present God, make each of us an instrument of your justice. Continue to weave us into a family, your Kingdom, showing forth your power of healing, feeding, clothing and resurrection as evidenced through the life and ministry of Jesus. Bless us and our differences and sustain our courage to stand together in this present world. We call on you today to gather us in your love. Impart to us the knowledge and understanding to better know you and glorify your grace on each and every step of the journey of our lives. In the name of Jesus, who came in the name of love, let us now commit to shout with the voice of triumph and proclaim the love and grace of God to all the world. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn *You Are Salt for the Earth* ~ #226

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ John 1:1-5 CEB

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

²The Word was with God in the beginning.

³Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being

⁴ through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

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

We thank you, O God, that you have given us an enduring hope—one which cannot disappoint us or mislead us. We thank you, that through our faith in you and in your Son Jesus Christ, you enter into every believing heart and make new lives that have been torn asunder by the darkness of this world.

We pray today O God that those believers who are asleep may awake and know that salvation is nearer now than when they first believed. Help them, and us, to lay aside the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light that you bestow upon those who actively seek you day by day. Grant that their faith and ours may be fully alive.

We ask today, O God, for those who have lost hope and for those who have never had it. Grant to us and to those we lift before you in our hearts a new and abiding vision of what you have done, and what you are doing, and what you will do, to save and redeem your people and indeed the creation itself. Grant, O God, that all might see and believe and discover their purpose and the purpose of all that is and all that is yet to be. We ask all this of you, O God, knowing that you are our hope and our salvation, a very present help in times of trouble, and the One whose purpose is to grant and new and abundant life to us and our world. Praise be to your name. **Amen.**

Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See ~ #517*

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Habakkuk 1:2-4, 13, ch 2:1-3 CEB

² LORD, how long will I call for help and you not listen? I cry out to you, “Violence!” but you don’t deliver us.

³ Why do you show me injustice and look at anguish so that devastation and violence are before me? There is strife, and conflict abounds.

⁴ The Instruction is ineffective. Justice does not endure because the wicked surround the righteous. Justice becomes warped.

¹³ Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you are unable to look at disaster. Why would you look at the treacherous or keep silent when the wicked swallows one who is more righteous?

¹ I will take my post; I will position myself on the fortress. I will keep watch to see what the Lord says to me and how he will respond to my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said, Write a vision, and make it plain upon a tablet so that a runner can read it.

³ There is still a vision for the appointed time; it testifies to the end; it does not deceive. If it delays, wait for it; for it is surely coming; it will not be late.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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guest preacher Kathryn Smith-Derksen

