

Worship Service ~ *Mercy not Sacrifice*

Pentecost 2, Year A,

June 7, 2026

Hosea 5:15-6:6 / Matthew 9:9-13,18-26 NRSV

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Welcome

Good morning, my name is *[Carol Mason]*. 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 ~ *based on Psalm 33*

One: Praise the Lord with harps!

All: Use harps with ten strings to make music for him.

One: Sing a new song. Shout!

All: Play beautiful music.

One: The Lord is truthful;

All: He can be trusted.

One: He loves justice and fairness,

All: He is kind to everyone everywhere on earth.

One: The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were created.

All: He breathed the word, and all the stars were born.

One: He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;

All: He put the deep seas in storehouses.

One: As soon as he spoke the world was created;

All: Everyone in this world should worship and honor the Lord!

Invocation

O God, as the showers renew the earth, bathe us in your healing power. Stretch out your hand, that we may live and know that you alone are God, in whose faithfulness we have life all our days. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord ~ #76

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ Hosea 5:15-6:6

15 I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour:

1 'Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

3 Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.'

4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my^[a] judgement goes forth as the light.

6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

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 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ~ #145*

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner^[a] in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting^[b] with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue^[a] came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Sermon ~ *Mercy not Sacrifice* *Rev. Carol Mason*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responding to the Word Together

Call to Serve

A Time for Reflection Played by church musician Annie Center,

Closing Hymn **Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling ~ #491**

Benediction

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

Postlude **Special Music**

Annie Center - piano

Isaac Macebo - viola

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