

Worship Service ~ *A Firm Foundation*

Pentecost 8, Year A,

July 19, 2026

Romans 8:12-25 / Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Welcome

Good morning, my name is Rev. Dr. Sacia Vik. 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 86*](#),

One: Teach us your way and we will follow it faithfully.

Encourage us to serve you with all our heart.

**All: With all that is within us, we will praise you and everywhere
we will speak of your goodness.**

One: How can we measure your love? You have restored our lives. Still,
there are those who seek only to make mischief and have regard only
for themselves.

All: But you are loving and merciful; patient, gentle and loyal without fail.

One: So look upon us and be generous towards our faults;
lift us up and make us strong, for we would serve you completely.

**All: Make plain your goodness towards us, for you have helped and
comforted us.**

Invocation

You are Emmanuel—the God who is with us. Nothing can separate us from your love. Ease the fear that binds us and blinds us, keeping us from the truth that sets us free. Give us the courage and compassion to see things as they are: filled with your delight, moving in us and through us and, most joyfully, between us.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Blessed Assurance ~ #332

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Let’s greet one another with the peace of Christ as we pass the peace.

Pass the Peace

Sharing Announcements and Prayer Requests - Roger Edmark

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 Rev. Dr. Sacia Vik

Hymn

In the Bulb There is a Flower ~ #614

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Sermon ~ A Firm Foundation

Rev. Dr. Sacia Vik

Responding to the Word Together

Lord's Supper

Prayer and instructions:

Pastor: We will do things a little differently today. We will distribute communion first, then we will say the words of institution as a responsive reading, as found in your bulletin or on the screen. Please wait until all are served, and then we will take communion together.

Serving Communion ~ with interlude played by Annie Center

Words of Institution

Leader: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(eat your bread)

All: Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(drink your cup)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Call to Serve

A Time for Reflection Played by church musician Annie Center,

Closing Hymn ***For the Healing of the Nations ~ #367***

Benediction

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

Short prayer by pastor

Postlude played by church musician Annie Center,

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