

**Worship Service ~ *Imagine the Kingdom/Kindom***  
**Pentecost 6, Year A, 7/5/2026**  
**Matthew 11: 16-19,25-30 / Romans 7: 15-25a**

**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 145**

One: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

**All:    slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: The LORD is good to all,

**All:    and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

**All:    and all your faithful shall bless you.**

One: The LORD is faithful in all his words,

**All:    and gracious in all his deeds.**

One: The LORD upholds all who are falling,

**All:    and raises up all who are bowed down.**

### **Invocation**

God of all nations and all peoples, bless us as we gather in your name.

Open us to vessels in building your kingdom and spreading the good news of life and liberty. May we drink from the well of your abundance. May our cups overflow with your love. May our hearts burn in your presence.

Be with us in this time and place. Amen.

**Opening Hymn        *There is a Place of Quiet Rest ~ #5***

# Engaging with God Together

## Scripture Reading ~ Romans 7: 15-25a

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

<sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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

## Pass the Peace

### Sharing Announcements and Prayer Requests - Carol Mason

**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 Carol Mason

## Hymn

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ~ #592***

# Hearing the Word Together

## Sermon Passage ~ Matthew 11: 16-19,25-30

<sup>16</sup> 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

**Sermon ~ *Imagine the Kingdom/Kindom***

*Rev. Carol Mason*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

# Responding to the Word Together

## Call to Serve

The Holy One gives gifts beyond measure or compare. The Holy One gives with abundance and generosity. The Holy has provided for every need and invites us to ensure equitable, faithful, and mutual sharing so that no one needs to experience a lack of resources. Let us give from the well of abundance to honor God's faithfulness and to demonstrate trust in God's provision. Giving God, make us a people who not only receive your gifts, but empower us to give in mutual measure so that all needs are met. Bless these gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Amplify their impact as a witness to your goodness and so all may flourish in your name. Amen.

**A Time for Reflection**      Played by church musician Annie Center,

**Closing Hymn**            *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee ~ #71*

## 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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