

Worship Service ~ *It's a Dirty Job but...*
8/16/2026 - Pentecost 12, Year A,
Colossians 2:6-12 / Philippians 1:2-11 (NIV)

Prelude played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Welcome

Good morning, my name is *Free Hinton*. 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: Savior of the earth's children, you came as a little baby

All: To lead us to wisdom and love.

One: When you grew up, you welcomed children

All: And told us that the kingdom belongs to them.

One: Call us to a child's tenderness, vulnerability, energy and love

All: So we can experience a new life in you. Amen

Invocation

God of community, whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood; may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours that we fail not in loyalty to you, but make choices according to your will, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee ~ #565

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ Colossians 2:6-12

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

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 worship leader Roger Edmark

A Consecration Service for Cenay Lewis ~ Rev. John Braun

Unison prayer:

God, you have blessed us with the wonders of creation, and today we celebrate your gift of creation in the form of a new life. May we, being mindful of your presence at all times, remember Jesus' words when he said, 'Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' Make your unfailing presence known in the life of Cenay and in the life of her mother and family. Bless Cenay and all of us gathered here. We pray in the name of Christ, whose love for all your children brings us here to this moment. AMEN.

Hymn

Oh Jesus I Have Promised ~ #447

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Philippians 1:2-11

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Sermon ~ It's a Dirty Job but.... *Free Hinton*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responding to the Word Together

Welcome to the Table of the Lord (*Responsive Reading*)

One: God shows his love for us

All: **in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

One: Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life;

All: **whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."**

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Pastor:

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

All: *The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.*
(eat your bread)

All: *The cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.*
(drink your cup)

Reflection ~ Played during distribution of elements by church musician Annie Center,

Prayer

Call to Serve

When a baby is living with you, there is nothing more important in life than making sure her needs are met. A totally helpless human being, so small that she could fit inside a grocery bag, can teach us how to serve with complete dedication. As we listen to Annie play, let's consider all the blessings of this day.

A Time for Reflection

Played by church musician Annie Center

Closing Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing ~ #478*

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

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