

Worship Service ~ *An Abiding Life*

Pentecost 11, Year A,

Aug. 9, 2026

John 15:1-8 / 1 John 2:1-11 (NSRVA)

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Welcome

Good morning, my name is *Norm Underland*. 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 ~ Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

One: For the beauty of the summer day,

All: And the comfort of friends nearby;

One: For the invitation to love and be loved,

All: For our God who extends that call;

One: For time set apart to nourish the soul,

All: For time to go out into the world armed with love:

One: For all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God.

Invocation

God of love,

plant us in the soil of your grace.

Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life.

Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

~ Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012. Posted on the Worship Elements page of the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/#axzz2WhKTr5N6>

Opening Hymn *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds ~ #421*

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ John 15:1-8

¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

Hymn

Take My Life ~ #389

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ 1 John 2:1-11

² My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

³ Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says, 'I have come to know him', but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; ⁵ but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says, 'I abide in him', ought to walk just as he walked.

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because^[a] the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says, 'I am in the light', while hating a brother or sister,^[b] is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves a brother or sister^[c] lives in the light, and in such a person^[d] there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates another believer^[e] is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

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Rev. Norm Underland

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responding to the Word Together

Call to Serve

With praise and thanks, we bring new life. With vigor and sweat, we deliver our love. With care and hope, we stretch out our hands. We give our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to renew the world again.

As we listen to this interlude played by Annie, let's give some thought how we might make our lives a visible witness to the gospel shared by Christ, and how we can promote the values and actions of Jesus' words and deeds.

A Time for Reflection Played by church musician Annie Center,

Closing Hymn ***For We Are Strangers No More ~ #322***

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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