

Worship Service ~ *God Wills It*

Pentecost 17, Year A,

September 20, 2026

Psalm 145:1-8 / Jonah 3:10-4:11 NSRV

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. Especially to welcome you into our new space here in our own building. Good morning to those joining us online. Please stand with as you are able, and hear the Lord call us into worship.

Call to Worship ~ (responsive)

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,

All: **They will rejoice in God's reign forever.**

One: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving

All: **They will be comforted in God's reign forever.**

One: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness

All: **They will find it in God's reign forever.**

One: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs

All: **We will live in God's reign forever.**

One: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.

All: **Let us worship together, serving one another and serving our Mighty God.**

Amen.

Invocation

O Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, who has made the light of your truth shine in our hearts: Make us to walk as children of light in all goodness and righteousness, that we may have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Opening Hymn We Gather Together ~ #17

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ Psalm 145:1-8

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*Let's greet one another with the peace of Christ as we pass the peace. **Be sure to wave at those joining from home.***

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

Be Thou My Vision ~ #545

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Sermon ~ God Wills It *Rev. Norm Underland*

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

(Give short explanation of the supper and its significance, then ask servers to come and assist)

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)

Prayer

Call to Serve

God of love, help us to use the gifts you give us for the people who need us. Help us to see their need and, inspired by your Son, reach beyond ourselves, beyond our institutions, to the very margins and bring all to you, the center. May all we do be in preparation to serve more fully, seeking you in the world that we are invited to create with you. Send your Spirit to keep us aglow with the desire of justice.

A Time for Reflection Played by church musician Annie Center,

Closing Hymn **I am Thine, O Lord ~ #505**

Benediction

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Postlude played by church musician Annie Center,

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