Worship Service ~ Which Way?
Pentecost 22, Year A
October 25, 2026
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 / Psalm 1 NSRV

Prelude played by church musician Annie Center,

Gathering Together

Welcome

Good morning, my name is *[say your first name].* **It's my pleasure to welcome you to worship with Olympic View Community Church. Whether you are joining us in person on online we are so happy you have made this time a priority, to connect with God and with all of Christ's Body, our sisters and brothers in the Church everywhere.**

> ***"If you're new to Olympic View, you'll find a connect card on the welcome table. Please feel free to fill one out at some point over the course of the service. You can place it in the offering plate. This is a great way for you to connect with us, and us with you. And if you do fill one out, I will reach out to you this week to thank you for coming to worship with us."***

Please stand with as you are able, and hear the Lord call us into worship.

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

One: Our God, we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things
All: For the gift of creation, we give thanks
One: We gather to worship you, the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ
All: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks
One: We gather to worship you, the One who sustains us by the Spirit
All: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks
One: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise for all your gifts
All: We worship you - our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer AMEN

Invocation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn *What is This Place* #1

Engaging with God Together

Scripture Reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Pass the Peace

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

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 ***A Charge to Keep I Have* #393**

Hearing the Word Together

Sermon Passage ~ Psalm 1

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Sermon ~ Which Way? *Rev. Norm Underland*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responding to the Word Together

Call to Serve

Jesus said:
" 'Love the Lord your God
with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.'
This is the most important, the first on any list.
But there is a second to set alongside it:
'Love others as well as you love yourself.'
These two commands are pegs;
everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them."
—Matthew 22:37-40, TM

As we listen to Annie play for us, let us ask God for the strength to love well, and to follow His path all our days.

A Time for Reflection Played by church musician Annie Center,

Closing Hymn ***For Christ and the Church*** **#416**

Benediction

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you always.

Postlude played by church musician Annie Center,

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