**Worship Service ~ Ready or not…**
**Pentecost 24, Year A**
November 8, 2026
**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Matt 25:1-13 NRSV**

**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. We are so happy you have made the choice to intentionally take time out of your day to join us in worship.**
**Please stand with as you are able, and hear the Lord call us into worship.**

## Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

One: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!
**All: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.**
One: Who will not revere you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?
**All: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!**

## Invocation

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #71

# Engaging with God Together

## Scripture Reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## Pass the Peace

Our Lord has called us to worship and now greets us with these words

*The LORD your God is with you,*
*he is mighty to save.*
*He will take great delight in you,*
*he will quiet you with his love,*
*he will rejoice over you with singing.*

As God has greeted us with his peace, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other. I invite you to take just a moment, and turn to those nearest you and welcome them to worship this morning.

## 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** ***He Leadeth Me* #599**

# Hearing the Word Together

## Sermon Passage ~ Matthew 25:1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaid came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**Sermon ~ Ready or not…** *Rev. Norm Underland*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

# Responding to the Word Together

## Call to Serve (responsive)

**Go forth in the name of the Lord.**
**This is God's charge:**
**We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,**
**and love one another, just as he commanded us.**
**—based on 1 John 3:23, NRSV**

***As we listen to Annie play for us let us quiet our hearts and minds, ask God where He is leading us, who He is calling us to love, and how we may serve Him today and everyday.***

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

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

## Benediction

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you
now and forevermore

## Postlude played by church musician Annie Center,

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