



OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
11th Sunday after Pentecost • August 16, 2020

GATHERING

*Come, let us gather together and bring our whole selves to God,
in all of our joy and all of our sorrow.*

Come, let us gather together as the Sacred and the Ordinary meet.

Prelude

Nick Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Mark Rambo

Virtual Check-In

GATHERED IN GOD'S SACRED SPACE

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts,
be acceptable in Your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen!

Psalm 19:14

Call to Worship

Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it. We gather as the church to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world. We remember those whose love shaped our lives and those whose struggle for justice has been unsleeping even in times of loneliness. May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies. Lord of all, to Thee we raise; This our hymn of grateful praise.
For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all, to Thee we raise; This our hymn of grateful praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child; Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the church, that evermore, lifteth holy hands above; Offering up on every shore,
Her pure sacrifice of love. Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

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Invocation

Gracious and loving God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you revealed yourself. Give us in this morning hour of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the words of scripture and newly enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Written Word

Psalm 67

Mission Moment: Activity

On a sheet of paper, draw one large heart. Within this one heart, draw smaller hearts that represent the things, people, ministries of OFBC/Emmaus House, that you love, that have been life-giving, and/or has strengthened your relationship with God.

Prayer of Confession

Mighty & Gentle God, you have shown us your love and called us to be your servants. But we have made ourselves too busy and worried to notice. We have been anxious about much we cannot control, and we have forgotten you. We have been worried about what other people think of us, and we have missed the point of your care. We resent those who act freely, trusting in your grace. We are angered by people whose service draws attention away from us. Forgive us, God, that we have worried over the wrong things. Free us, body and soul, for your service of love and grace. Amen.

Song

We Are Called

Darrell Born

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

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Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other, as sisters and brothers, united in love!

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The Written Word

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Hymn

When You Are Praying

When you are praying," Jesus said, "Don't put on vain displays—
But close your door and speak your heart and humbly offer praise."
Our God in the heavenly realm, Our ABBA, ever near—
Your name is holy, set apart; O bring your kingdom here!
God, give us all we daily need and we will be content;
Forgive our sins as we forgive the wrongs that we resent.
God, give us grace to follow you; Protect us on your Way.
When evil tempts us from your path, deliver us, we pray.
O Lord, we turn in trust to you; You know the things we need—
And like a parent so you love; The ones who ask receive.

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Prayers of the People

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Written Word

2 Corinthians 5: 11–21

The Spoken Word

Remix

Rev. Mark Rambo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song

Lord, I Need You

David Nash

Lord, I come, I confess...Bowling here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart...You're the One that guides my heart
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You; Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness...Oh God, how I need You
Where sin runs deep Your grace is more; Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free; Holiness is Christ in me
Lord, I need You, oh I need You; Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You
Teach my song to rise to You...When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You...Jesus, You're my hope and stay
Lord, I need You, oh I need You; Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need you
You're my one defense, my righteousness...Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness...Oh God, how I need You

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Take your heart from our Mission Moment and look it over. These are the reasons you give, joyfully, consistently, faithfully, generously. You might need to place this on your fridge, microwave, bathroom mirror; to remind you of God's blessings through the mission and ministry and people of this community of faith.

Closing Song

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ my savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling, all I do and say.
May the Word of Christ dwell richly, in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph, only thru His power.
May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe;
Looking only unto Jesus, as I onward to.
May His beauty rest upon me, as I seek the lost to win;
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

Weekly Challenge

Postlude

Nick Carlson

Benediction

Walk Humbly – Love Completely – Live Differently

In Christ



