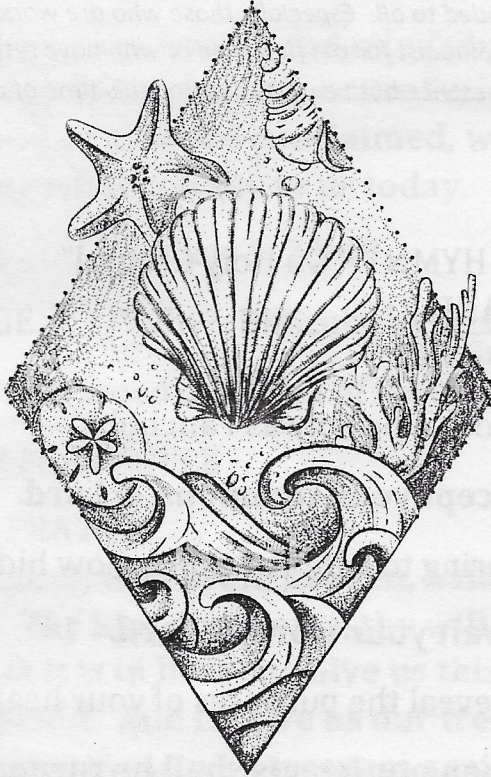


Seventh Sunday in Epiphany
February 23, 2020



Ocean Shores United Methodist Church
Pastor Ronald Myers

On the Beautiful Washington Coast

February 23, 2020
10:30 AM WORSHIP

Please sign the black attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor. A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are worshipping at Ocean Shores United Methodist for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.

GREETINGS

CENTERING HYMN "On Holy Ground" TFWS 2272

CONCERNS AND JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP

I call you to be holy as I am holy.

We accept your summons, O Lord.

I will bring to light the things now hidden.

We await your word, O Lord.

I will reveal the purposes of your hearts.

And then our hearts shall be turned to the right, for you are the Lord our God.

HYMN "How Can We Name a Love" UMH 111

INVOCATION (unison)

O Lord of the Hard Sayings, let your still, small voice speak to us in our quiet moments. Let your whispers be to our souls as your thunder cracks are to the mountaintops. Let your

difficult words be to our spirits as your rains are to the dry ground. Deliver us from hardness of heart, that we might find the hard way that leads to life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5: 38-48

THE MESSAGE "Why? Difficult Sayings"

Jeff Lockwood on behalf of Pastor Myers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" UMH 273

OFFERTORY PRAYER

DOXOLOGY*

UMH 94

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus
Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit,
Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

SHALOM TO YOU*

(Please form a circle and hold hands)

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full
mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and
through your loving, Christ be your Shalom, Christ be
your Shalom.

Calendar

Wednesday

No Bible Study

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