



Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors...

The people of the
United Methodist
Church

Ocean Shores United Methodist Church



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September 8, 10:30 am
“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

Welcome

Celebration of Birthdays/Anniversaries

Prelude

More Precious Than Silver

***Call to Worship**

We are gathered to celebrate life’s great gifts—

**To worship the Lord who is the source of them
all:**

That the ears of the deaf may be opened—

To hear the words of truth and beauty;

That the tongues of us mute may be loosed—

To speak the words of love and duty.

**The Lord seeks us. Come, let us seek the
Lord.**

***Opening Hymn**

Gather Us In FWS 2236

Invocation

**O Lord our God, you do nothing without
declaring the good news through your
servants. We thank you for the gift of
language and for your willingness to engage
us in dialogue. We thank you especially for
your word made flesh in Jesus Christ—the
word that clarifies all your other words. We
pray that, in the quiet of this holy place and**

time, you will speak your clarifying word to us.

Psalm of the Day #146 (responsive) UMH 858

Hymn of Preparation Open the Eyes of My
Heart, Lord (Insert)

Reading the Word **Isaiah 35:4**
James 2:1-10,14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Response:

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer Lord, Listen to Your Children
Prayin' FWS 2193

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation To Offering

Leader: Dear Lord, out of your great love for us you have provided for our needs. We have food for our tables; we have clothes to cover us; we have a roof over our head and we have those who love us. For these gifts we are deeply grateful. Inspire us to

live simply and give generously, that all your children might know security and love.

OFFERTORY Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and generous God, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son, and for his power at work in our lives. We thank you for the gifts you have granted to each believer by the power of your Holy Spirit. Accept us as disciples, Lord. Teach us to use the gifts we bring to continue the ministry of Jesus in this broken world. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***BLESSING SONG** Lord, Whose Love Through
Humble Service UMH 664 v. 1

Postlude Make Me a Servant

Pastor: Rev. Pamela Meese

Homily: Mr. Rooe Simpson

Music: Ms. Janice Nations

Liturgist: Ms. Barb White

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