



Ocean Shores United Methodist Church



August 13, 2023 10:30 am
“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

WELCOME

Celebration of Birthdays/Anniversaries

Opening Hymn:

I Love to Tell the Story pg. 156

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 130)**

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you: O Lord, hear my voice!

All: Let your ears be attentive to my prayers!

Leader: If you, O Lord, kept track of our sins, wrong doing, and failures, who could stand?

All: Let your ears be attentive to our prayers!

Leader: But there is forgiveness with you, O Lord! Your grace and mercy are eternal!

All: My soul waits for the Lord. In the Lord's Word I hope!

Opening Prayer: “O God, you are very near to us in this moment. Some of us are fully aware that you are within and among us here, while others are occupied or distracted or unable to feel your presence among us no matter how much they long to do so. Meet us where we are, Lord, then draw us closer to you. Amen.

Psalm:

Psalm 85 UMH pg. 806

Reading the Word:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Matthew 14:22-33

Response:

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Meditation:

“That Sinking Feeling”

Hymn:

My Life Flows On FWS pg. 2212

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

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.

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: O How He Loves You and Me

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Unison) 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** Here I Am, Lord pg. 593

POSTLUDE I Will Call Upon The Lord

“Whoever you are, and wherever you may be on your journey of faith, you are loved by God and welcome here.”