



Ocean Shores United Methodist Church



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

August 20, 2023

10:30 am

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

PRELUDE: “Standing on the Promises”

Ms. Janice Nations

***INVITATION to WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 146)**

One: From every side, our every sense is bombarded daily: sounds of hurtful words, impacts of violence, sights that distract and disturb, choking smells of pollution combined with a whiff of corruption. Even the food we eat and the water we drink can do more harm than good. What can we do?

ALL: In this world, too often filled with corruption, God’s Spirit cleanses and heals us. We breathe in the breath of God; we breathe out our praise.

One: Let us praise our maker while we have breath!

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH #452 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

INVOCATION

Liturgist Barbara White

Holy God, by your grace you have preserved your people through countless times of trouble. Bless and keep us in these days. Open our eyes to your abundant love and mercy, that we may proclaim your saving work, in Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN

RESPONSIVE PSALM 139 (UMH pg 854-855)

C.H.A.T. (Children’s Holy Affirmation Time)

The LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

The Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 45:1-15

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The Gospel:

*Matthew 15:10-28

MEDITATION: “Just Desserts”

Pastor Pam Meese

HYMN: UMH #389 “Freely, Freely”

The PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: Our Joys and Concerns

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 of your children might know security and love.

OFFERTORY: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Ms. Janice Nations

***The DOXOLOGY** HYMN # 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 you give to continue the ministry of Jesus in this broken world. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tin Cup Sunday August 27

BENEDICTION

***BLESSING SONG** TFWS #2237 “As a Fire is Meant for Burning”

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE: “Joy in the Morning”

Ms. Janice Nations

