



# 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.”**

**October 22, 2023 - 10:30 am**  
**“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”**

**Welcome**

Celebration of Birthdays/Anniversaries

**Prelude** Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The heavens proclaim the Glory of God.

All: Day pours forth speech and night declares knowledge of God.

Leader: God’s wisdom is written in the stars. It is known to the ends of the earth. When we see the Glory of God declared by all creation, our eyes are opened, our souls are revived, and our hearts rejoice.

All: Then we shall bless God’s name with our words ... and with the silence between them.

**\*Hymn** Lord, Be Glorified FWS 2150

**\*Opening Prayer** (unison)

O God, we long for you, for your love, for your wisdom, for your grace, for your peace. Grant us the courage to place our trust in you alone, holding fast to your grace which is sufficient to meet our every need. With the confidence of little children, we place our lives in your hands. Amen.

**Psalm of the Day** (responsive) Psalm 99 pg. 819

**Reading the Word** Old Testament: Exodus 33:12-23  
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

**Response** Leader: The Word of God for the people of God  
All: Thanks be to God!

**Meditation**            Message: Know God/No God

**Hymn**                    Open My Eyes, That I May See pg. 454

**The Prayers of the People**    Our Joys and Concerns

**Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation To Offering**

We are called to rejoice in hope, be patient in adversity, persevere in prayer and contribute to the needs of the saints. With glad and generous hearts let us each share, offering our life to the Lord of all life.

**The Offertory**                                    He Is Exalted

**\*Doxology**                                        UMH 95

**The Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Holy One, guide us in the wise use of our gifts, that through this church the world may glimpse your coming realm. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen

**Announcements**

**\*Blessing**

**Sending Song**    Lead On, O Cloud of Presence FWS 2234

**Postlude**                                        Abide With Me

**\* Please stand**

