



# 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.”**

# November 12, 2023 - 10:30 am

## “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

### Welcome

Celebration of Birthdays/Anniversaries

### Prelude

Eternal Father, Strong To Save

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord, our God, inhabits all eternity; in everything that is, or was, or ever will be, God is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: The Lord, our God, is the source, guide and goal of our lives. God is the center, holding all creation together.

Leader: We come today to worship God! We come with praise and thanksgiving!

All: We humble ourselves in God’s Holy presence, yielding our lives to God’s divine rule. This is our worship. Amen.

### \*Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
pg. 127

### \*Opening Prayer (all)

Holy One, in the stillness of this moment, awaken us to the astonishing truth that Christ has chosen *us* to be his family! Help us now to yield every part of our lives to your divine governance. Help us choose to be chosen. Amen.

### Psalm of the Day (responsive)

Psalm 78:1-7 pg. 799

### Reading the Word

Old Testament:  
Gospel:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Matthew 25:1-13

## **Response**

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

## **Message**

“We Need to Worship!”

## **Hymn**

Near to the Heart of God pg. 472

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

## **Prayer**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **Invitation To Offering**

God’s Holy Spirit has given each of us gifts for the building of God’s Kingdom.

Let us share from what we have been given.

### **The Offertory**

Wake, Awake for the Night Is Flying  
pg. 720

### **\*Doxology**

UMH 94

### **The Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Mighty God, give us guidance and wisdom as we seek to put our gifts to the best use. Direct us to look not to our interests alone, but to be guided by your Holy Spirit in making decisions that will benefit all people and strengthen your kingdom on earth. In Jesus name we pray this. Amen.

## **Announcements**

Thanksgiving Dinner November 19

## **\*Benediction and Blessing**

**The Sending Song**

We Are God's People FWS pg. 2220

**Postlude**

The God of Abraham Praise

**\* Please stand**

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