

We confess it is easier to avoid people and places that demand our attention and resources, and go about our days turning our eyes from those in need. But Jesus showed us a different way—a way of sharing, a way of justice.

Forgive us for the times we have looked away from those who are hungry and their needs for food, clothing, friendship, or anything else. Forgive us for neglecting our neighbors and our community. Help us to be faithful to this calling. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Paul writes, "There is no one who is righteous, not even one." Yet in Christ, we are forgiven, justified, and transformed to carry on in the way of love and justice. Savor the good news of this pardon and be at peace. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation To Offering

The Offertory

***Doxology** UMH 95

The Sending Song

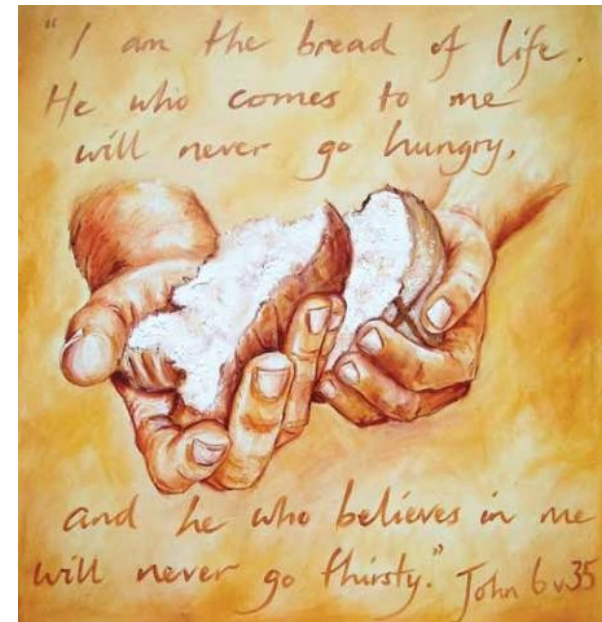
***Benediction and Blessing**

Postlude

*** Please stand**



Ocean Shores United Methodist Church



Pastor: Rev. Pam Meese
Homily: Mr. Rooe Simpson
Liturgist: Ms. Barb White
Music: Ms. Janice Nations

March 9, 2025 - 10:30 am

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

Welcome

Prelude Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

***Invitation to Worship**

Come in from the wilderness

The Spirit led us day by day, until on our way we hungered for bread. But we would not betray our God to own all the world’s food.

Come in from the wilderness; join in a meal at the Lord’s table.

The Spirit carried us above the steeples, until our spirits swelled with pride at our faith. But we would not betray our God to fill all the world’s temples.

Come out of the wilderness; rest by the fire and warm your hearts.

The Spirit took us to a high mountain, until our chests puffed up at the sight of all earth’s nations. But we would not betray our God to control the world’s peoples.

Come in from the wilderness; let the angels appear and minister to you.

We will worship the Lord our God, and God alone will we serve.

***Opening Hymn** These Forty Days UMH 269

Opening Prayer

Faithful One of the Ages, you are our creator.

In the beginning you formed humanity from the dust of the ground and breathed into its nostrils the breath of life. Ever since, we have rebelled against you, thinking we knew better what was good and evil; and we have hidden from you, learning that we did not.

Psalm of the Day (responsive) #32 UMH

Song for Lent Bread of Life (insert)

Joys and Concerns

Celebration of Birthdays/Anniversaries

Blessings and Sadnesses

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Reading the Word John 6:25-40
Response

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Meditation

Meditation The Mind of Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Because we live in a world with both hunger and unnecessary waste, let us confess our sins and seek a new path of righteousness. Holy God, even though we choose to follow Jesus, live his way, and share in the bread of life, we confess we have overlooked the hungry in our midst.