

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SILENT MEDITATION

According to Isaiah, Israel's oppression of the poor in his day betrayed a practical apostasy. For Isaiah, piety must bear fruit in justice. Jesus knew that inasmuch as His message of justice impinged on the lives of the powerful, He was liable to rejection and death. Jesus not only embraced this prophetic tradition, He declared Himself the climax of it by claiming that the acceptable day of the Lord had arrived in Him.

*Esau McCaulley, **Reading While Black**, p. 58*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God has called us together today.

C: Though we are different in our ideas, in our gifts, in our dreams.

L: God has called us together today.

C: To share our ideas, to share our gifts, to live out our dreams ... in love.

L: God has called us together today.

C: Different parts of the one body, called to unity and wholeness.

ALL: Together let us sing, pray, praise and worship our God!

***HYMN - 301:**

Let Us Build a House

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Let us build a house where love can dwell and all
can safely live, a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams
and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
love of Christ shall end divisions.: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

GATHERING PRAYER

Let us pray; God of good news, breathe life into our speaking and listening, our singing and praying, our dreaming and our acting; turn all these into more than they have been, by your loving embrace. Amen.

CONFESSION

God, you share with us words of hope, words of good news. But we have grown cold: lonely and apart, at odds and quarrelsome, distracted and dormant – we have grown cold. Hear us as we pray, and confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

As we journey through this winter, bearing the harshness of the times and the pleadings of our hearts, take us beneath your wings to warm us, to enliven us. Help us to remember your many blessings, your presence to us in trials. Keep us honest, truthful, faithful and loving; even when we feel or think the worst, do good in and through us.

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Silence

Friends, now is the time of God's favor, of good news to the captive, the blind, the poor, the oppressed. Now is the time of good news for us; for we live as those forgiven and freed, through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God!

CENTERING MUSIC

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4: 14-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Our Life is an Open Book

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Confession of 1967 9.32-33 (edited for inclusion)*

The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to people commits the church to work for every form of human wellbeing. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering, so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on our inhumanity to one another, and the awful consequences of the church's complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of His coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve, is to confess Christ as Lord. AMEN.

CONCERNS AND JOYS

Please email, text or call your concerns directly to Pastor Terry at:

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORDS PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

***DOXOLOGY – 606: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***DEDICATION**

***HYMN – 726: Will You Come and Follow Me**

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Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?.

CHARGE

BLESSING

POSTLUDE



We respectfully remind you of the ongoing expenses of our ministry, and of our beautiful Campus. Please continue to donate. We can receive your donation by regular mail, online via PayPal or if you would like to drop your donation off, come to the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and drop it in the mailbox outside of the office.

“May our gifts be a source of light, in a world that has learned to love darkness.”

LITURGIST – Mike Read

SCRIPTURE READER – Marie Waehler

GREETER – Gloria Bartholomew

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Donated by Marie & Jim Waehler in memory of Marie's Father, Ralph Cook.

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Prayer List

John Burris	Tracy Higdon	Dottie Nicholson
Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their Children, and Mother Nohad	Elaine Jackson	Ainslie & Keith Peoples
John Doherty	Dave Kratch	Dick Regester
Danna Henderson	Laurie Linard	Alex Rhodes
Charlotte Wheatley	Tom Murray	Ron Steen
Terry Parmelee	Steve Thomas	Judy McFadden
Jan Chanda	Donna Schick	

Prayer requests will be kept on this list in the bulletin for three months unless the office hears otherwise.

If you need prayer for whatever reason, call Kathy Sheetz (302-539-2827) to initiate a chain of prayers. Please contact the office at 302-539-3455 or email office@ovpc.org to update the prayer list! Thank you!

Our Stephen Ministers are available if you are feeling especially distressed during this time, or facing a challenge that just seems to be too much to handle alone. Please call Elaine Smith for a referral.

Our live streaming services will begin at 9:20 with pre-service music with worship beginning at 9:25. If you happen to miss us live, please visit our YouTube page so you can worship with the recorded version.

Announcements 1/23/2022

This Week

- **Tuesday Bible Studies:** 10 AM, Fellowship Center; 6 PM, Sanctuary then Memorial Narthex.
- **Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Memorial Hall.
- **Per Capita** - New Castle Presbytery has set the 2022 Per Capita at \$29.80 per member. Please prayerfully consider submitting this as a contribution.

Future Events

- **Monthly Work Day Changes:** The Monthly Work Day has been the first Saturday of the month for 2021. In 2022 it will be the **second Saturday of the month**.
- **LA ESPERANZA NEEDS SOME MUSCLE** – We are asking for volunteers with muscle to roll up their sleeves and take on the much needed task of food delivery for Esperanza. We are happy to answer any questions you may have for agreeing to tackle this job. Contact Jen Read, Marie Waehler or Dale Smith for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

Ongoing Events

- **2022 OVPC Flower Chart** – Dates are available for the 2022 Flower Chart. If you are looking to purchase flowers for a special celebration or memorial, please contact the office at 302-539-3455 or email office@ovpc.org to reserve your date. The cost is \$25.00. Available dates are:

03/20/2022	05/29/2022	06/26/2022	11/27/2022
03/27/2022	06/05/2022	07/31/2022	
04/10/2022	06/12/2022	08/21/2022	
05/15/2022	06/19/2022	10/30/2022	

- **Sharing Pantry:** Women's Circle encourages you to drop off needed items during office hours. Contact Ellen Neumann for information
- **Blessing Bags:** Drop off needed items in Narthex of Memorial Hall (lists available there). See Marie Waehler for additional information.
- **Announcements:** All announcements are due to the office by Monday prior to the date you want it published.
- **Mask Requirements:** Mask must be worn during worship and all congregate sessions on our campus.

Looking Ahead – The Lectionary for Sunday January 23, 2022 is:

- Jer. 1: 4-10
- Luke 4: 21-30

New Initiatives

- **Deacons' Mission for January 2022** –Survey of Time and Talent

Each January the Deacon's Minute for Mission is the "Survey of Time and Talents". What is this survey and what is it used for? The form lists many of the activities and committees at OVPC. We are a small church with a small staff, and we depend on our members to aid with the functions in the life of the church. Please carefully review and prayerfully consider the items listed and indicate those areas you would be interested in helping or serving. You may also write-in items not listed on the form. This survey is an excellent way to indicate your interests, willingness to serve, and share your experience and strengths. This information is summarized and used by committee chairs, the church office, and the nominating committee. We hope to increase our responses over last year.

On behalf of the Deacons, we'd like to thank everyone who makes the life of our church at OVPC possible!

Copies of the survey will be included in the bulletin during the month of January and will be available in the church office and on our website. Please complete the survey and return to the church office in person or via email at office@ovpc.org.

If you have questions, please contact a member of the Board of Deacons. Thank you, The Board of Deacons

- **Your Board of Deacons 2022** - The Ocean View Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons for 2022 are listed on the back pages of the bulletin. If you would like to speak with one of the Deacons, please call the Church Office at 302-539-3455 and leave your contact information and who you would like to speak with, and your call will be returned.

Scriptures for Sunday January 23, 2022

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Luke 4: 14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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OVPC - 2022 Survey of Time and Talents

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

I am willing to be contacted about serving in the following areas:

CARING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Meals
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Visitation
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Visitation
<input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Coffee Hour
<input type="checkbox"/> OVPC Mission Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Chain Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Shawl Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/> Securing Church Property
<input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Circle
<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Ministry/Pathways
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharing Pantry | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter / Usher
<input type="checkbox"/> Healing Service Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Scripture
<input type="checkbox"/> Singing in Choir
<input type="checkbox"/> Solo Singing/Playing
<input type="checkbox"/> Worship Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a Lay Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study
<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Officer Nominating
<input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Session | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications/Tech
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Jumble Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Heavenly Luncheon Vol
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerium
<input type="checkbox"/> Nativity Festival Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Work Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharing Craft / Hobby
<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching ESL
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contact / Follow-up
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WORSHIP

- ☐
- Changing Banners
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- ☐
- Crafting Banners / Artwork
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- ☐
- Giving Children's Talk

GROWING

- ☐
- _____

REACHING OUT

- ☐
- Cemetery Committee

OTHER

- ☐
- _____

- ☐
- _____