

SERVING SCHEDULE

Prayer Team
Today: Jack Bishop, John Lippert
Next Week: Terry Lowe, Doug Stewart

Greeters
Today: Jerry & Janice Austin
Next week: Open for Volunteers

Usher
Today: Karyl Groeneveld
Next Week: Chris Pilon

Nursery
Today: Kim Stuard, Anika Plowman, Lilli Hume
Next Week: Kristin Bradshaw, Lauren Eekhoff, Landon Allen

Children's Worship
Today: David Pilon, Melonie Hare
Next Week: Jane Kirkman, Dona McVoy

Refreshments
Today: Open for Volunteers
Next Week: Open for Volunteers

Deacon's Helpers
Today: Jill Bender, Chony Culley
Next Week: Jeremy Stuard, Heather Ervine

GIVING

Last Week's Giving:
General Fund: \$5,301.12
Mosaic: \$15

May Giving to Date: \$1,084.00
Total April Giving: \$34,251.60

Needed to Balance Budget:
\$38,415/mo

Thank you for your ongoing financial support! Gifts can be given online at <https://ocrc.churchcenter.com/giving> or use the boxes in the rear of the sanctuary.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY
For questions about services and referrals, contact Tanya Lyon 253-448-3535
lyonfamilyservices@gmail.com
To schedule an appt. with Tanya, mention that you are with OCRC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• UPCOMING OFFERINGS
Today we will take an offering for our missionaries. Our monies help spread the gospel throughout our region and world.

May 19 - Benevolence offering will be for NW Hispanic Ministries' assistance with legal Hispanic immigrants with basic needs like food, and clothing after being refused entrance into Canada.

GENERAL FUND giving, which supports the ongoing ministry of our church, please give online or use the offering boxes in the back of the sanctuary.

• NEW ADULT CLASS
The Influence of the Apocrypha on the New Testament Period.

Why do the Jerusalem Bible and Catholic versions of the Bible have more books than the NIV or ESV versions? Why are they called the Apocrypha? Join us @ 9:15am on May 12th & 19th for a brief look at the Apocrypha.

• CITYGATES BLANKET DRIVE
Can you help by donating a sleeping bag, blanket or socks for those in need? Donations can be brought to church (see display in fellowship hall).

• MOSAIC
May 8th @ 5:30PM
Menu: Soup & Salad
At 6, we'll divide into groups to learn and grow together.

Our kids will be learning about "Switching on the power of PEACE." For adults, we have 3 options: Prayer Practices, Pastor Mark will lead a conversation on an article from the Banner, or a Grief Group.

• CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
May 19 @ 11:45 AM
At our annual Congregational Meeting, we will approve the General Fund & Missions budgets, select new Elders (nominees: Mark Spee, Jeremy Stuard, Jo Pilon, Josh Culley), and new Deacons (nominees: Mike Throgmorton, Matt Longenbaugh).

• FLOWER MINISTRY
A colorful bouquet of flowers adds so much to in-person and online worship on Sunday mornings! You can choose a specific Sunday or be put on a revolving schedule. Bouquets can be from a garden, wildflowers, a planter or store-bought. To serve, please contact Gudrun Meyer at (360-628-8132) or gudrun.mia@comcast.net.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday (May 5).
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday (May 6)

Tuesday (May 7).
7 PM Elders Meeting

Wednesday (May 8).
9:30 AM Women's Coffee Break
5:30 PM Mosaic
7:00 PM iIMPACT

Thursday (May 9)

Friday (May 10)

Saturday (May 11)

Sunday (May 12).
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
Communion

EXODUS

This week, we are continuing our study of the book of Exodus. Exodus is the second book of the Bible, and it picks up the biblical storyline right where Genesis left off. Abraham's grandson Jacob and his family of seventy made their way down to Egypt, where Joseph, one of Jacob's sons, had been elevated to second in command over Egypt. So the family lived and grew in Egypt as a safe haven for many years. After a few hundred years, the story of Exodus begins. The word "exodus" refers to the major event that takes place in the first half of the book, Israel's exodus from Egypt. The book also has a second half that takes place at the foot of Mount Sinai.

-adapted from The Bible Project

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

Exodus 7:10-12

OUR STAFF

Lead Pastor:
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VISITING TODAY?

Welcome! We offer Nursery (for young ones under 5 who don't need constant holding) and Children's Worship (for K-3rd grades during the sermon)!

We'd love to have you fill out the information below and let us know how we can serve you or pray for you. **Drop this tear-off portion of the bulletin at the front table, along with any other questions or prayer requests you might have.**

- I'm new in worship
- I'd like a phone call/visit
- I have a prayer request
- Please add me to the weekly email list
- I am interested in Home Groups
- I have provided anniversary and/or birthdates to celebrate with you

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Questions, Prayer Requests, or Requests for Further Information

THINGS FOR PRAYER

Please email your prayer requests to: prayers@olycrc.org

Praise God for:

- Rain and sunshine and Springlike weather.
- The many volunteering with Furniture Bank; that the Furniture Bank is again filled with furniture to distribute.

Pray For:

- Those with cancer: Angela Icenhower, Dottie Rhone, Dick Swier, Jan Thomas
- Laurie Rockwell who will be having a craniotomy on May 7.
- Dottie Rhone, that new medication will increase her blood cell count.
- Terry Lowe who's shoulder surgery was cancelled due to a heart murmur.
- Those who grieve: Dona McVoy after the death of her mother; Jenna Levin after the death of her father.
- Jessica Engbers' pregnancy.
- Those moving this summer - the Olsons, Fillmores and Thomases.
- Family & Friends: Mary Pilon's brother, Johnny, with blood cancer; Geke Lien's father after open heart surgery & strokes; Angela Icenhower's mom with bone cancer; Rachel Packer's Oma, Doris on hospice; Jerry Dragt's cancer.
- The many in our community wrestling with houselessness and poverty.

Missions

Praise for:

- Ben Van Haitsma's time serving in Oman.
- The 285 women in Nicaragua who now have access to credit through World Renew's Village and Savings and Loan Group.
- The effect of impact clubs in Honduras' most challenging areas for 100s of youth.

Pray for:

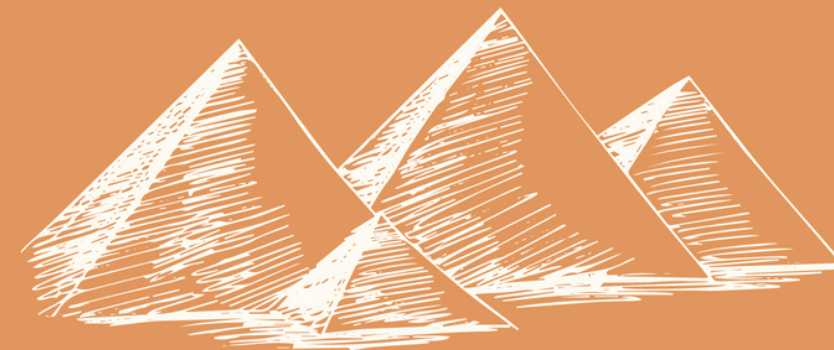
- Safety of travel for Ben Van Haitsma as he flies back to the States this Tuesday.
- Economic stability and lessening violence in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Haiti. Also, for safety of World Renew staff and their partners.
- World Renew would continue to be allowed to share Christ's hope with families in crisis by the Nicaraguan government.
- ASJ's new partnership with the Church of God and the Catholic Church in replicating ASJ's children, youth and family programs to help more families.

OUR VISION

We are a community transfixed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are captivated by the idea that his power and presence can be lived out in us. Seeking to love God and to love others, we will be grace givers and truth tellers, seed planters and risk takers in Olympia and beyond, partnering with all who would advance the kingdom.



EXODUS



OLYMPIA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 5, 2024

Always

Call to Worship

Only a Holy God

Confession

Your Grace Finds Me

Morning Prayer

Sermon: Staffs and Serpents

Scripture: Exodus 7:8-13

Missions Offering

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Blessing