

May 9, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship 10,000 Reasons

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship God our Savior,

People: Who desires everyone to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Leader: Come, let us praise the one mediator between God and humankind,

All: Jesus the Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all!

Hymn #240

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

Confession

Our God, forgive us for failing to understand and accept the great demands placed upon us by your love. We enlist in your causes, but find ourselves losing interest. We promise to be courageous, but find ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive, but find ourselves hard and callous. Forgive us; take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen.

(Moment of silence)

Leader: Lord hear our prayer.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

"The peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**"

Minute for Mission

First Lesson

Psalm 98:1-9 (NRSV)

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

Song -

All Creatures of Our God and King

Second Lesson:

1 John 5:1-6 (NRSV)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

“The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**”

Sermon:

How Do We Know?

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

**We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord
to the glory of God the Father.**

**In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
We acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church,
the Head over all things,
the beginning of a new creation.**

**We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things
which he will bring.**

**We are a pilgrim people,
always on the way towards the promised goal;
on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.**

**We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity
which is both Christ's gift and his will.**

**We affirm that every member of the church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.**

**Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died,
and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.**

Prayer of Dedication

Offering

Romanze
Cindy Baker, violin & Chuck Sedgwick, piano

Max Reger

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn #14

For The beauty of the Earth

Dismissal/Benediction

Postlude -

Announcements

Small Group Update

Two new groups will begin the week of May 17:

1. A group led by Ron Carmichael. Day of the week and time of day to be determined by the group.
2. A group led by Phebe Packer following service on Sunday at 11:45 in Room 11.

We hope you will sign up soon to join one of these groups. Call the office or email

phebepacker@gmail.com

Greeters

Remember the 'Before' times, when we had a couple of Greeters in the Narthex each Sunday? Well, as we reopen in-person worship, we would like to rebuild a team of Greeters, even though that will look different than before. You don't have to be a Deacon, or even an OPC member. It is easy and you only have to come a few minutes early. Call Hedy Martin if you are interested, at 602-789-9624.

Liturgist

If you would like to help out in our services, there is a need for a liturgist each week. This is a very important part of our service that is easy to do. We send you the liturgy ahead of time so that you can read through it. If this is something you think you could do, call Chuck Sedgwick, at 602-541-4079.

Montlure Traveling Day Camp

Montlure Day Camp (VBS) is scheduled for June 7-11 from 9 am to 3 pm. Pick up a brochure in the back of the Sanctuary or check out our website for more information. We must limit how many kids due to social distancing. You must pre-register.

Spring Luncheon

Mothers, daughters, cousins, women friends-all are invited to the Annual Spring Potluck Luncheon. Stop by the table on the Patio to sign up, and come on Saturday, May 22, 11:30 to Page Hall. This is an event to affirm our connection with each other, to our congregation, and to our denomination, as we share a meal, laugh, worship, listen to a Readers' Theater presentation, sing, and share with the women who worship at Orangewood PC (USA). Stop at the table in the patio to sign up today or call the church office.

Pentecost Offering

Between now and May 23 we will be accepting gifts for the Pentecost offering. This money is used to help our youth especially youth at risk in practical and spiritual ways. It supports faith development through congregational initiatives, the adult volunteer program, youth Triennium and others. Our local church keeps 40%. The mission committee has chosen to support Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian Border Ministry located in the sister cities of Aqua Prieta, Sonora, and Douglas, AZ Their ministries include a community center that provides educational, cultural, and developmental activities for the community, plus a family ministry to the unchurch including a weekly Bible school for children. There is also a program for youth designed to keep them from becoming involved in the cartels.

We hope you will generously support this vital border ministry. Gifts may be received during our offering on Sunday, dropped off at the church office, or online through the Give button on our website orangewood.church.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page,	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organ & Piano
Brady Putzke	Guitar
Cindy Baker	Liturgist & Violinist