

# Orangewood Presbyterian Church

September 26, 2021

18th Sunday after Pentecost



**A river of God's love flowing into the dry places of our communities**

- **Jesus Christ is already at work in our communities; we seek to join that work.**
- **Our communities are wherever God plants us: Monday through Saturday—as well as Sunday.**
- **We create servant relationships with our communities, to become better disciples of Jesus Christ.**

*On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.*  
*Ezekiel 47:12*

**Welcome to Orangewood!** We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today. At the conclusion of the service, Please visit the welcome table on the patio so that we might know more about you. We also have a gift for you. There is fellowship on the patio where you can also learn more about church activities.

**The Nursery is open for children through age 5.**

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# The Gathering

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**Congregation responsively reads lines in bold text**  
**\*All who are able, please stand**

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Prelude

Words of Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,

**People: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**People: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

Leader: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**People: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.**  
**All glory to God!**

\*Hymn #826

*Lift High the Cross*

Prayer of Confession

**Loving and merciful One,**  
**we thank you for the community in which you have placed us,**  
**for the sisters and brothers with whom we walk this pilgrim journey.**

**Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.**

**We push aside those who do not see things as we see them.**

**We fail to see your Kingdom becoming**  
**because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other.**

**Form in us a new vision of community**  
**in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North.**

**We pray for the sake of your Kingdom**  
**that both is and is not yet. Amen.**

(moment of silence)

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

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

## God's Word

Moment for Mission

\*Preparation Song

*Let Us Build A House*

First Reading

Galatians 3:27-29

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

\*Song

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

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

Sermon

**'What God Has Given: Strength in Diversity'**  
**The Rev. Kenneth G. Page**

## **Our Response to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,  
who renews our hearts,  
moves us to faith,  
leads us in the truth,  
stands by us in our need,  
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.  
The Spirit's gifts are here to stay  
in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs.  
We thankfully see each other  
as gifted members of the fellowship  
which delights in the creative Spirit's work.  
He gives more than enough to each believer  
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.**

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Offering

*Fresh Wind*

\*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn #213

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

# Announcements

## Annual Meeting

There will be an Annual Congregational Meeting on October 10, right after service, at 11:45 in Page Hall. Our fiscal year has changed so this is the end-of-the-year meeting. Hospitality will provide chicken and biscuits. Please bring a side dish of veggie, salad, or a dessert to share.

## New Picture Directory

We would like to make a new picture directory. Because the company has quit doing church directories, we are making this on our own. We will be taking pictures on October 10 right before and after the annual meeting. You can also have it taken on October 17 or 24 before or after service, on the patio.

## Communion Help

The worship committee is looking for help preparing and serving communion. It doesn't take long and you won't have to do it very often if there are enough volunteers. If you have questions or are interested in helping you can email Elizabeth Reifsnider at [elreifsn@gmail.com](mailto:elreifsn@gmail.com).

## Audio Help

We are looking for more volunteers to help with sound at the weekend service. You don't have to do it every week. It is easy and there is plenty of training. Contact Joe Miller if you are interested, [engineer.twr@gmail.com](mailto:engineer.twr@gmail.com).

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist
Brady Putzke	Guitar & Vocals
Bernale Wright	Liturgist
Carol Hullihen	Greeter
Dennis Daniel	Usher

### ORANGEWOOD STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. Kenneth G. Page
Director of Music	Dr. Charles N. Sedgwick
Band Leader	Brady Putzke
Office & Facilities Manager	Pam White
Set-Up Assistant	Addison Case