

Orangewood Presbyterian Church

October 17, 2021

21st 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 in the Wright Center.

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The Gathering

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Choral Preparation for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: Everyone come, come and refresh without money and without price.

People: Our hunger is not slight. We thirst for harmony and hunger for integrity.

All: Listen together, for we have words of life. Your yearning shall be filled; our longing shall be touched.

*Hymn #246

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Prayer of 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 the Peace

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

God's Word

Moment for Mission

Preparation Song

All Are Welcome

First Reading

Acts 11:19-30

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

*Song

King of Kings

Second Reading

Acts 15:6-20

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

Sermon

"What God is Building: Presbyterians Together"
The Rev. Kenneth G. Page

Our Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.

We follow Christ, who comes to us from God and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all creation, and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of the resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things, it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Offering

They Will Know We Are Christians

*Doxology

**A grateful heart is what I bring,
A song of praise, my offering.
Among the saints I lift my voice:
In you, O God, I will rejoice. 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 #8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Benediction

*Postlude

Announcements

Help with the Rocky Point Trailer

On Saturday October 23 from 9 am to 2 pm, Greg Swartz plans to inventory and repair tools, and inventory the Rocky Point trailer. Whatever time you can contribute will be much appreciated. The trailer will be parked at Orangewood to the east of the pre-school and north of the sanctuary. For those committed to the cause, if you overlap lunch time, pizza and beverages will be provided.

New Directory ALERT

If you wish, we would like to offer you the opportunity to let you take the pictures of your household for the directory. Use your cell phone to take a selfie or use your timer if you know how and send them to us. We need the pictures to be close as you can so we can see your face. Please try to have a solid color behind you, like a wall, so as not to distract. You can send your pictures to pam.white.opc@gmail.com. We will have a picture-taking session today after service if you need help.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Take a moment to reach out to these men and women who have helped you become the person of faith you are today.....a note or card to someone from your past, or words of appreciation for our own Pastor Ken. Let's pause and express our gratitude for their guidance, faith and encouragement!

Fall Festival

On October 31, right after service at 11:45 will be the Fall Festival!! Lots of good fellowship, games for the kids and yummy food. Hospitality will furnish hot dogs and chips. Please bring a side dish of veggies, salad, or dessert to share. Don't forget to bring your chili. Not sure if we will judge the chili officially but we will enjoy testing each one.

Donation item of the Month

Both Phoenix Rescue Mission and Nourish Phoenix are in great need of donations of diapers, especially sizes 4, 5 and 6. Check out the sales at grocery stores and pharmacies for these items and let's see how we can help! We'll put a special box on the patio to gather these items throughout the month of October.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist
Brady Putzke	Guitar & Vocals
Dennis Proffitt	Liturgist
Cindi Wood	Greeter
Elizabeth Reifsnider	Usher

ORANGEWOOD STAFF

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