

Orangewood Presbyterian Church

October 31, 2021

23rd 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

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Song

Here For You

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

People: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

People: the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers;

People: he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

*Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Prayer of Confession

Creating God, in love you moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. And yet, we cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making. You claim us in the waters of baptism and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ. But too often we deny that call, conforming ourselves to the whims of culture. At Pentecost, you released your wild and transforming spirit to flow through church and world. But we want to tame that wildness, channeling your spirit through banks of ordered safety. Transform us, we pray. Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts. Loosen our grip on "the way it's always been" and prepare us for the joy of "the way it still can be," through Jesus Christ. 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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 146

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

*Song *10,000 Reasons*

Second Reading Ruth 1:1-18
"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

Sermon "Spiritual Security"
The Rev. Kenneth G. Page

Our Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication
Offering

Everlasting Life Choir

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.

*Song *Your Grace is Enough*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Announcements

Fall Festival

Today 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. We would also like to have a **cake walk**, so donations of cakes are needed. We will be taking directory pictures today so if you have not had your picture taken stop by the table and see Barbara Digges.

Sunday School Leaders

We are looking for helpers for Sunday School. Sammi will lead the program, so we just need people to cuddle babies, put out snacks, help with the glitter, etc. AND . . . our kids are supper cute! We're hoping to get enough volunteers that you would only be on once a month or once every two months. Please email Sammi if you are interested. orangewoodchildrenandyouth@gmail.com

Directory Pictures

If you have not gotten your picture taken for the directory, please look for Barbara Digges or anyone on the patio taking pictures. You can also look for any able body to take it for you; selfies work too. Send the photo to Pam at pam.white.opc@gmail.com.

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.

Looking for people to take pictures

Our immediate need is to assist with taking portrait photos for the forthcoming member directory. But also to take photos at Orangewood events; e.g., Fall Festival, youth activities, or just things going on around the Orangewood campus. Don't worry if you're timid about your camera skills----Photoshop can nearly always transform from dud to masterpiece (almost). If you're interested in helping with photos, please contact Barbara Digges at zeebah48@gmail.com or 602-692-7336. Alternatively, you can also let Pam know.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist
Brady Putzke	Guitar & Vocals
Jackson Nduwimani	Director African Choir
Ron Carmichael	Liturgist
Dennis Daniel	Greeter
Gene Nix	Usher

ORANGEWOOD STAFF

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