

Orangewood Presbyterian Church

February 20, 2022

7th Sunday after Epiphany



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

Preparation for Worship

African Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: The enemy:

People: imbalance them with love

Leader: The oppressor:

People: shame them with kindness

Leader: The brute:

People: turn the other cheek as an equal

Leader: This rebellious faith seems too much to bear in a world where those who bully are loved back to justice by the bullied

All: But this is heaven's revolution and we are called into it. Come let us worship love's rebel, Jesus!

*Hymn #301

Let Us Build a House/All Are Welcome

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

we confess that we do not always love our neighbor.

**We confess that we have despised others,
even to the point of hatred.**

We confess that we have been hurt by others.

**We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times
are just impossible for us.**

We know that nothing is impossible in You.

We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us.

**Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others,
to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.**

**For Your Son came and lived among us,
was betrayed and denied,
abused and put to death.**

He rose again,

**and came with the message of peace to those
who had denied him and abandoned him.**

May we walk in his ways. 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 37:1-11
"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

*Hymn #795 *Healer of Our Every Ill*
Second Reading Luke 6:27-38
"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

Sermon "True but Irrelevant?"
The Rev. Kenneth G. Page

Our Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from a sermon by The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Loving Your Enemies*)

We desire to love our enemies and love those persons that hate us whether in collective life or individual life by looking at ourselves.

Love is the only way.

We seek to discover the element of good in all people, acknowledging the image of God in everyone.

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We wish to end the chain of hate and evil and replace it with the strong and powerful element of divine love.

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We ask for hearts free of the distortions of hatred:

"For the person who hates, the beautiful becomes ugly and the ugly becomes beautiful. For the person who hates, the good becomes bad and the bad becomes good. For the person who hates, the true becomes false and the false becomes true. That's what hate does. You can't see right. The symbol of objectivity is lost. Hate destroys the very structure of the personality of the hater."

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We aspire to live and serve with love's redemptive power. May we be instruments of your power through love.

Love is the only way.

Oh God, help us in our lives and in all of our attitudes, to work out this controlling force of love, this controlling power that can solve every problem that we confront in all areas.

Amen.

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Offering

Let My Life Be Like a Love Song

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

Mighty To Save

*Benediction

*Postlude

Announcements

Pancake Supper

Join us for our Annual Pancake supper, sponsored by our youth. They will be serving pancakes, and bacon, with some toppings. It is free to everyone, but donations will be accepted. Invite your friends and neighbors. Tuesday March 1, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Proceeds will go to help the kids go to youth camp.

Reconciliation in a Divided Time

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent for education, discussion, and actual practice of reconciliation. In this divided time in America, how do we reconcile with God, with ourselves, with our families, with our frenemies and with our true enemies? Take a deep dive into these questions with us at 7:00 pm, Wednesdays, in Page Hall from March 9—April 6.

Ash Wednesday service

Our Ash Wednesday service will be on March 2, at 12:00 pm, in the Sanctuary.

Pastoral Care Notes

Krystlee Enas, Carolyn Haught, Mae Hicks, Susan Hoeft, Molly Lawson, Ev Noice, Lois Manning, Gloria Olsen, Lynn Orf.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist
Brady Putzke	Guitar & Vocals
Ron Carmichael	Liturgist
Dan & Judy Lippman	Greeter
Elizabeth Reifsnider	Usher

ORANGEWOOD STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. Kenneth G. Page
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