

# Orangewood Presbyterian Church

March 20, 2022

## 3rd Sunday in Lent



### **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

Preparation for Worship

*Here for You*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Give ear and come to me, says the Lord;

**People: listen, that you may live.**

Leader: I will make an everlasting covenant with you,

**All: my faithful love promised to David.**

\*Hymn #816

*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

Prayer of Confession

**In your holy love, you have given us so much: talents and treasure in unlimited supply. But often, we spend these on superficial needs. We throw away our plenty on little hungers and petty desires. We seek the fleeting delight of novelty, of prettiness, and of veneer. We follow the urges to momentary importance; to the notice of a fickle society more interested in noise and sparkle than in mundane sturdiness. We chase after happiness while neglecting joy; we chase after romance while neglecting love; we skim the surface while fearing the depths.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for our fearfulness, as we rely more upon our own human illusions of control and satisfaction, even though we know that these illusions separate us from you. Forgive us for not trusting in your grace, in your abundance, in the covenant promises that you have renewed with every generation. In Christ, may we learn to love you more than we love ourselves. 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

Children's Message

Moment for Mission

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 63:1-8

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

\*Song

*As the Deer*

Second Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

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

Sermon

"Joyfully Accepts!"  
The Rev. Kenneth G. Page

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God above us,  
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,  
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,  
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God's resurrection created world,  
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within,  
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,**

**We believe in God.**

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem

\*Offering Response #422

Create in Me a Clean Heart

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

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 #307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

## Announcements

### Reconciliation in a Divided Time

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent for education, discussion, and actual practice of reconciliation. Take a deep dive into these questions with us at 7:00 pm, Wednesdays, in Room 11, through April 6.

### Ukrainian Aid

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing humanitarian aid to those displaced by the crisis in the Ukraine. As of mid-March, over two million people have fled their homes as a result of the crisis. If you would like to help financially, checks can be sent to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Write "DR000156 – Ukraine" on the memo line. (DR000156 is PDA's code for "Disaster Relief-International Refugee Programs.") Gifts can also be made online at <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>, which also provides more information on PDA's response to the crisis. Online gifts can be designated for Ukraine in the comments/instructions box on the second page of the giving form. Regardless of whether you decide to contribute financially, please keep the Ukrainian people in your prayers as they navigate the many challenges ahead of them.

### Habitat For Humanity

OPC will be working on a house in the downtown area. Our build dates are March 26, April 23 and 30, and May 21. There is always a task for anybody to do, whether or not you have experience. Please come help build a house for DoraAnn. See the sign-up sheet at the Mission table for more information, or call Dirk or Jeannie Oosterwyk. Thanks!

### Volunteers for Nourish Phoenix

Your Mission Committee is looking for volunteers to help out at Nourish Phoenix, one of our Mission partners. We would like to make this a monthly activity, and have tentatively scheduled it for the fourth Monday of the month, beginning March 28. We would meet at the church at 8:00 am and take the van to Nourish Phoenix, and should be back at the church by noon. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table outside of Page Hall after the Sunday service. If you have questions or want more information, please see any member of the Mission Committee.

### Tea Towels

We seem to have run out of tea towels in Page Hall. If you took some home to wash or if you have any you can donate, please bring them to the church office. Thank you.

### Lost and found

If you have lost anything at church, there is a lost and found in the ushers alcove in the back of the church. You can ask an usher for assistance.

### Pastoral Care Notes

Krystlee Enas, John Hayes, Carolyn Haught, Mae Hicks, Molly Lawson, Judy Lippman, Lois Manning, Gloria Olsen, John Van Mantgem.

### PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

Ken Page	Pastor
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist and Choir Director
Brady Putzke	Guitar and Vocals
Sammi Burkhart	Children's Message
Becky Cederquist	Liturgist
Carol Hullihen	Greeter
Greg Olander	Usher