

Orangewood Presbyterian Church

March 27, 2022

4th 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

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship

The Angelus

Orangewood Pealers

*Call to Worship

Leader: God is waiting for us
People: With a tender heart and a searching question.
Leader: God is ready for us
People: With truth and wisdom from a deep well.
Leader: God is blessing us
People: With springs of living water.
Leader: God is sending us
People: To sing, pray and witness every day.
Leader: God is here--
People: Let the conversation begin.

*Hymn #804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you call us to live in mystery,
to walk by faith.
Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules.
It's hard to live by faith.
You call us to place our trust in you,
to live according to your direction.
Yet we want life to make sense
from a human point of view.
It's hard to live by faith.
You call us to feel the mystery of life,
to marvel at the power of your love.
Yet it's not easy to accept your promise
that everything old has passed away.
It's hard to live by faith.
Forgive us, holy maker of reality.
Forgive us for playing god
instead of accepting your sovereignty.**
(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 32
"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

*Song *O Come to the Altar*

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

Sermon "Embassy of the Kingdom of Heaven"
The Rev. Kenneth G. Page

Our Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967 (Inclusive Language Version) 9.21-9.22
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication
Choral Anthem

Thy Will Be Done

Craig Courtney

Offering Response

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.

*Song *King of Kings*

*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 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 usher's alcove in the back of the church. You can ask an usher for assistance.

Pastoral Care Notes

Barbara Digges, Carolyn Haught, Mae Hicks, Molly Lawson, Judy Lippman, Gloria Olsen, John Van Mantgem.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist
Brady Putzke	Guitar & Vocals
Sammi Burkhart	Children's Message
Dennis Proffitt	Liturgist
Marilyn Jacobo	Greeter
Yvette Shoemaker	Usher