

Orangewood Presbyterian Church

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday



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.

An enlarged copy of the hymns and a system for the hearing impaired are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

The Nursery is open for children through age 5.

Communion note

The Presbyterian Church practices open communion, and all who know Jesus Christ are welcome at the table regardless of age, faith background, or frequency of church attendance. Communion wafers are available upon request for those with allergies to gluten, soy, dairy, eggs, corn, and nuts. They are located in the back of the church. You can ask an Usher for assistance.

The Gathering

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Choral Introit

This is the Day

Douglas E. Wagner

*Call to Worship

Leader: At the break of dawn, a bird sings.

People: The long night of darkness is over.

Leader: The stone is rolled away.

People: The tomb is empty.

Leader: The sun begins to shine.

People: The Son has risen!

Leader: It's a morning of glory,

People: Of love overcoming death,

Leader: Of women spreading Good News,

People: Of men turning from despair.

Leader: It's a morning of joy,

People: For Easter has come again.

Leader: Love is stronger than death,

All: And we lift our voices in song.

*Hymn #232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Prayer of Confession

**When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away,
forgive us.**

**When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see,
forgive us.**

**When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no farther than an empty tomb today,
forgive us.**

**Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!' and grant us faith to
believe!**

(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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24

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

*Song *Living Hope*

Second Reading John 20:1-18
"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

Sermon "Backwards Theology"
The Rev. Kenneth G. Page

Our Response to God's Word

Offertory
Prayer of Dedication
Choir Anthem *Now the Green Blade Riseth* French Carol/Kosche

God's Sign and Seal

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
Holy, Holy, Holy #552
Christ Has Died #553
Lamb of God #555

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.

Words of Institution

Song *In Christ Alone*

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Response

*Hymn #248 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Announcements

Volunteers for Nourish Phoenix

Your Mission Committee has begun a monthly volunteer event at Nourish Phoenix (formerly known as ICM) On the fourth Monday of each month, we meet at the church at 8:00 am and ride together to their facilities. We help pack food boxes, load them in cars, and sort clothing. There are jobs for those who can't lift heavy items. They are always looking for volunteers, and will do their best to find a job that works for you! Our next event is April 25. The signup is at the Mission table. Please sign up even if you did so last month so we will know how many to expect. And thank you for your interest in helping our Mission partners!

Scribes needed

Do you feel called to help out now and then at church? We could use a few additional scribes. With more people on the team, the task becomes something you only need to volunteer for once every 3 or 4 months. It's probably the easiest job you'll ever do for the church and only takes 10-15 minutes. You get to stand next to Pastor Ken at the end of the service with a notepad in hand. If he needs to have a reminder of a prayer request or someone who needs to have a visit, he'll have you there to write it down for him. Contact Becky Cederquist at 623-363-4509 or opcdeacon@gmail.com to add your name to the team.

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.) 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!

Pastoral Care Notes

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

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| Ken Page | Preacher |
| Chuck Sedgwick | Organist |
| Brady Putzke | Guitar & Vocals |
| Sammi Burkhart | Children's Message |
| Dave Haskins | Liturgist |
| Bob & Lynn Orf | Greeter |
| Dennis Daniel | Usher |

ORANGEWOOD STAFF

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