

Orangewood Presbyterian Church

April 24, 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter



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

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

Daniel Taubenheim, trumpet; Chuck Sedgwick, organ

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:

**People: where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty are given water.**

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:

**People: where the naked are clothed;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:

**People: where the imprisoned are offered grace,
where the sick are comforted with God's presence through our presence.**

*Hymn #245

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Prayer of Confession

**We confess that in our lives we often hide behind
our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion.
We let ourselves get so busy
that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering.
We confess we allow the powers of this world
to seduce us into selfishness
and silence our witness.**

**Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all,
strengthen us to love our neighbor
and speak truth no matter the penalty. 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 Stewardship

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Matthew 25:31-40

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

*Hymn #246

Christ is Alive

Second Reading

Matthew 25:41-46

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

Sermon

"Sheep Activities"

The Rev. Kenneth G. Page

Our Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in a God
who created all things
and seeks for all to be in communion as God's people.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ
who showed us how to share love,
and who commissioned us to go out into the highways and byways
inviting all to be a part of God's work in the world.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit
who leads and guides us into the world,
then touches the lives of those around us
in ways that make them receptive to love.**

**I believe in the harvest
and the call for laborers to receive and respond,
sharing light and life with the world. Amen.**

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach/Pedrosa

*Easter Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 #268

Crown Him With Many Crowns

*Benediction

*Postlude

Announcements

Easter Season Continues

Today is the 2nd Sunday of Easter. It is also known as Thomas Sunday. Hymn 255 in our pew hymnbooks, "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing", includes as the last four verses the encounter of Thomas with the risen Christ. The emphasis of this story should not be Thomas' doubt (and ours), but on the graciousness of Christ for all believers. Note that Hymn 235 has the same title as 255. The music is the same, but the hymn 235 words are appropriate to last Sunday, Easter or Resurrection Day.

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!

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 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

Carolyn Haight, Mae Hicks, Molly Lawson, Gloria Olsen, John Van Mantgem.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist
Daniel Taubenheim	Trumpet
Sammi Burkhardt	Children's Message
Judy Proffitt	Liturgist
Nancy & Patricia Young	Greeter
Jackie Collier	Usher

ORANGEWOOD STAFF

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