

Orangewood Presbyterian Church

May 22, 2022

6th 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

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

*Hymn #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Music for Worship

Faraja Choir

Salvation Choir

Everlasting Choir

Children's Sermon

Moment for Mission

Prayer for the Preacher

Nelly Kanyange

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:9-15

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

Sermon

"Interstices"

The Rev. Kenneth G. Page

Our Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

Q. Who made you?

A. **God.**

Q. What else did God make?

A. **God made all things.**

Q. Why did God make you and all things?

A. **For God's own glory.**

Q. How can you glorify God?

A. **By loving God and doing what God commands.**

Q. Why ought you to glorify God?

A. **Because God made me and takes care of me.**

Song

How Great is Our God

Prayer before Offering

Offertory

Offering Music

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Gerard Ehusa

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

Holy is the Lord

*Benediction

Joseph Lavi

*Postlude

After the service, our African Fellowship will be hosting an African Feast in Page Hall. The feast is a fundraiser for the Choir Festival that they will be hosting at Orangewood, so bring your wallets!

Announcements

Small Groups

Small groups have begun but you can still sign up on the patio to join a group. Groups are held all during the week so you should be able to find one that fits your needs.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will take place at Orangewood June 6-10 from 9:00 am—12:00 pm and is open to all 5-10-year-olds. We hope you join us for games, crafts, snacks, music and more. This year's theme is Deep Sea Dive, which will help us take our faith in Christ deeper. There are sign-up sheets on the back table.

VBS Volunteers

Not in the age range to attend VBS? We need volunteers!! There will be many ways you can help this year at VBS, and you can help in whatever area you would like; crafts, team leader, and many more. Contact Sammi if you are interested at orangewoodchildrenandyouth@gmail.com.

Volunteers for Nourish Phoenix

Our next volunteer event for Nourish Phoenix will be Monday, May 23. We will meet at the church at 8:00 am to carpool, and we should be back at the church by noon. There will be a signup sheet on the patio. If you plan on joining us for this month's event, please sign up even if you have done so in the past so we can get a count of how many to expect.

Chance to Double Our Donations for Ukraine!!

The Synod of the Southwest is joining forces with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to help support the PCUSA's humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine. The Synod will match up to \$12,500, in the aggregate, of those congregations or presbyteries in our region that donate through the Synod for the Ukrainian crisis. Your Mission committee has voted to donate \$1,000 from the committee's Undesignated Mission funds budgeted for the current year.

Any funds donated by individuals for Ukraine through June 15 will be added to the Mission funds and sent to the Synod, which will then send the donations to PDA. If you would like to contribute toward this response, please make your donation by June 15 to Orangewood, and indicate SW Synod-Ukraine in the memo line.

Easter Season Continues

Today is the 6th Sunday of Easter. This Sunday does not have another name. The author of your Worship Committee study book tells us that "the Gospel readings for this Sunday prepare us for the observance of the Ascension by indicating both how Christians are to live together and by recalling the promises that the departure of the Lord into heaven is to be not a denial of the Risen Christ but a new mode of that presence in our midst." The actual Ascension of Our Lord is the 40th day of Easter, which this year is Thursday, May 26, 2022. Not having a worship service on Thursday, some denominations celebrate Ascension on the next Sunday, but Presbyterians do not.

Pastoral Care Notes

Carolyn Haught, Mae Hicks, Molly Lawson, Judy Lippman, Jeanne Matt, Marilyn Mead, Gloria Olsen, Anita Shipley, Jan Upton, John Van Mantgem.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page, Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick, Organ & Piano
Brady Putzke, Guitar
Sammi Burkhardt, Children Sermon
Susan Hoeft, Greeter
John Hayes, Usher