

# Orangewood Presbyterian Church

May 29, 2022

7th 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

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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

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to worship God,

**People: Who creates us and loves us;**

Leader: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**People: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**

Leader: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

**People: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;**

Leader: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

**People: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.**

Leader: We gather to worship God.

**All: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

\*Hymn #260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, O God,  
when we stumble in the darkness  
and turn away from your face.  
Strengthen us to walk in your brightness  
and live in your ways.  
Enlighten the shadows  
that keep us from growing  
in your love and light.  
Shower us with your grace,  
that we might shine as your people  
upon this earth.**

(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

Matthew 25:31-40

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

\*Hymn #240

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Second Reading

Matthew 25:41-46

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

Sermon

"Recognizing Jesus"  
The Rev. Kenneth G. Page

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Thomas John (TJ) Bookman-Zandler  
Parents are John & Rebecca Zandler

Time for Stewardship

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication  
Choir Anthem

*Rejoice! The Lord is King*

arr. by Stan Pethel

Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore,  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore!  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, Rejoice I say, Rejoice;  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, Rejoice I say, Rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of Truth and Love,  
When He had purged our sins He took His seat above:  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, Rejoice I say, Rejoice;  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, Rejoice I say, Rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord and Judge shall come  
And take His servants up to their eternal home:  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, Rejoice I say, Rejoice;  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice, Rejoice I say, Rejoice!

\*Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God, all creatures here below!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts!  
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 #337

*My Country 'Tis of Thee*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

# Announcements

## Small Groups

The small groups have started meeting but it is not too late to join! Some groups were delayed and are just starting up in June. Visit the table on the patio to see the days and times available. Join up – you'll be glad you did!

## 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.

## Easter Season Continues

Today is the 7th Sunday of Easter. Like last Sunday, this Sunday does not have another name. On this Sunday in all three lectionary years, the Gospel readings are taken from John 17, which is the "great high priestly prayer" for the disciples by Jesus at the Last Supper. The author of your Worship Committee study book tells us that "this Sunday is an anticipation of the next Sunday (the Day of Pentecost), - but also a follow-up to the themes of Ascension Day; - that the world is not deprived of the presence of Christ by the ascent into heaven but is given that presence in a new and grander form, as implied by John 17".

## 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.

## Pastoral Care Notes

Carolyn Haught, Mae Hicks, Molly Lawson, Judy Lippman, Marilyn Mead, Gloria Olsen, Jan Upson,

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist
Sammi Burkhart	Children's Message
Cheryl Carlson	Liturgist
Carol Hullihen	Greeter
Dennis Daniel	Usher