

# Orangewood Presbyterian Church

July 31, 2022

8th Sunday after Pentecost



**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!** Welcome to our visitors this morning whether you are attending online or in-person. We are delighted that you decided to join us this morning. At the conclusion of the service, please visit the welcome table in the back of the Sanctuary so that we might know more about 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.**

**A system for the hearing impaired are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.**

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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: Keep close to us Lord

**People: and give us the faith to trust You, for whatever happens.**

Leader: In Your providence, show us more of Your glory and grace,

**People: so that we may be encouraged and praise You forever.**

\*Hymn #363

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
we live in a society that focuses on gathering things.  
We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people.  
We focus our energies on our collections  
providing adequate room for them  
and yet we bar the door to the needs of others,  
of those who have little or nothing,  
of those for whom life has been a constant struggle.  
We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you.  
Forgive us.  
Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth,  
both of substance and spirit,  
can be used for healing and hope.  
Enable us to be in ministry to those in need  
and to care for this world.  
For we ask this in Jesus' Name. 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 Mission

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Hosea 11:1-11

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

\*Song

*How Great Is Your Faithfulness*

Second Reading

Luke 12:13-21

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

Sermon

"Where Do We Turn to?"

The Rev. José Olagues

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

**Blessed are we when we let go of possessions  
for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places.**

**Woe to us when we gather into barns  
for soon this life will be over.**

**Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger  
for the empty places in body and soul are the fertile soil for new growth.**

**Woe to us who fill our lives to capacity  
for we fail to recognize what is missing.**

**Blessed are we who know sorrow  
for the ache of love lost is witness to the seed planted.**

**Woe to us who have yet to know the pain of grief  
for the fullness of love is woven with sorrow.**

**Blessed are we who know scorn  
for the rejection of humans keeps us mindful of that beyond.**

**Woe to us who depend on the approval of others  
for to dance with Spirit appears foolish.**

**Blessed are we who live in the harmony of life in the Spirit,  
For we will recognize abundance. Amen.**

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Offering

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

\*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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 #744

*Arise, Your Light is Come*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

# Announcements

## Join our Swahili/English Classes

This is a reminder that at 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 31 you are invited to practice English and learn some Swahili phrases with the students in the current English classes. We hope you will join us for light refreshments, games, and fun. This event will be in the Wright Center.

## Heat Relief

As the summer heat continues, we will be sending funds for water to The Phoenix Rescue Mission, Arizona Faith Network, and Nourish Phoenix. Donations can be made by check to OPC with "water" in the memo line and online with the same notation. Thank you!

## Nourish Phoenix

Nourish Phoenix has created a list of clothing and household items they are seeking to help meet the needs of their clients this summer. A copy of their "Summer Wishlist" is in the back of the Sanctuary. If you have any of these items that are in good condition, and are just sitting around and that you no longer use, this is a great opportunity to clean out your closets and save some space! Donations can be left in the blue bins outside Page Hall at the 10:30 Sunday services, and will be a big help for those less fortunate.

## Orangewood Serving the Homeless

As you may know, St Vincent de Paul, St Mary's and other dining halls for the homeless do not serve breakfast to the homeless on Sundays. Orangewood partners with Grace Lutheran to serve on Sundays and our next opportunity is: **August 21, at 6:30 am, 1124 N 3rd Street**

We need volunteers! We prepare breakfast for an hour, serve for about an hour, and are usually all cleaned up and out of the church by 8:30 when they begin their service. There are several easy jobs just serving breakfast. Join us in what is a Matthew 25 experience. At our last breakfast we served over 190 plates and more than 500 pancakes.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

José Olagues	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist
Brady Putzke	Guitar & Vocals
Sammi Burkhart	Children's Message
Ron Carmichael	Liturgist
Jackie Collier	Greeter
Martha Daudet	Usher

### ORANGEWOOD STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. Kenneth G. Page
Director of Music	Dr. Charles N. Sedgwick
Children & Youth Director	Samantha Burkhart
Band Leader	Brady Putzke
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