

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 16, 2026 • Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Trumpets in Praise"

Hughes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: How good and how pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

People: We gather from different paths, different backgrounds, and differing lives.

Leader: Yet the Lord calls us here into one body, binding us together in peace.

People: Open our hearts to feel your presence and celebrate your inclusive love.

All: Come, let us worship the God who makes us one!

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#408)

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Akers

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have built walls instead of tables. We draw lines of who is in and who is out, limiting your generous welcome. We guard your grace as if it were our own, and turn away those who are different from us. Forgive our narrow hearts, our prejudice, and our fear. Break down our divisions, heal our blindness, and open our lives to the wide and welcoming sweep of your love in Jesus Christ. (Moment of silent confession.) Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

* *Stand if able*

The Peace of Christ

- * **Hymn (#444)** *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*
"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Genesis 45:1-15

- * **Hymn (#435)** *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* Rontgen

Second Reading Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- * **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen. (from The Confession of 1967)
- * **Gloria Patri (#581)** *"Glory Be to the Father"*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

- * **Doxology** (#606) *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
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.
[or "God"]*

Prayer of Dedication

SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

- * **Hymn** (#754) *"Help Us Accept Each Other"* Temple
- * **Charge & Benediction**
- * **Postlude** *"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay.

You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.

And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Worship Assistant: Fran Higson

**Ushers: Wayne and Cindy Ezell, Dave and Kathy Morrison, John and Joanne Rose
Deacon Greeter: Sherry Miller**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 73

ONLINE GIVING



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COMMUNITY CORNER

WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to worship at Orange Park Presbyterian Church! There are Connect Cards in the pews for visitor information, communications, and prayer requests (once completed, place in the offering plate). If you would like to talk with Pastor James about becoming a follower of Jesus Christ or becoming a church member, please note that on the card, and he will reach out to answer your questions.

GET CONNECTED: If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, please provide us with your e-mail address on a blue connect card or send an e-mail to pam@oppresby.com. We would love to keep you current on what's happening at OPPC.

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY: On August 30 we will celebrate Christian faith formation with worship, a luncheon and information about all the ways to plug in to the many opportunities at the church. All are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using "Life Lessons from Daniel and Esther" by Max Lucado (Debbie Pendry). Travelers' Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and using a video series "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado. (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using "New Wine; A Study of Transition in the Book of Acts" by J. Dwight Pentecost (Ricky Kirby).