

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 23, 2026 • Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Speak to My Heart"

Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: God is calling! Are you listening?

People: We are here and we are ready.

Leader: Who do you say that Jesus is?

People: He is our rock and our redeemer, and our souls belong to him.

All: We give thanks with our whole hearts for God's steadfast love! Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#81)

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Newton

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. (Moment of silent confession) Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace of Christ

* *Stand if able*

- * **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

Romans 12:1-8

- * **Hymn (#716)** *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

Edwards

Second Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

Kathy Hunt, CRE Candidate

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- * **Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

- * **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

"Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus"

Herbek

*** 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 (#700)**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Arr. Whalem

*** Charge & Benediction**

*** Postlude**

"O Lord, Our Lord"

Smith

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others say Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my

church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 63

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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 "Genesis" by AJ Levine (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).