

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 9, 2026 • Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Toccata"

Frescobaldi

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us. Do not fear to meet Christ here.

People: **The storms of life do not have the last word. Our faith keeps us from sinking.**

Leader: Our doubts lead to greater faith. Our losses open us to greater possibilities.

People: **Let us call on God's name and give thanks. Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.**

All: **We will sing of God's wonderful works. We will share with others God's marvelous deeds.**

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn (#14)**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Kocher

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin(Unison)

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness. (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

Romans 10:5-15

* **Hymn (#834)**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Dorsey

Second Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. (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

"Dialogue"

Clerambault

* **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** (#462)

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Fischer

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude**

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Scholtes

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)

"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim),

because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation and so is saved.

The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 73

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Vernon Humbert, Choir Director/Cellist
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Jo Plunkett, Pianist

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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).



GRAND OPENING

OPPC PLAYGROUND

Join us before the new school year starts for the ribbon cutting of our new playground. Families are invited to spend the evening enjoying the new and improved playground as well as refreshments! All are welcome to join!

Friday, August 14th
5:30pm

