

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 19, 2026 • Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *"How Deep the Father's Love/I Stand Amazed in the Presence"* arr. Tornquist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.

People: We do not know when and where God's glorious presence will show up.

Leader: Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.

People: Let us worship our unpredictable and uncontrollable God!

All: With joy and gladness let us praise God!

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn (#367)** *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* Elvey

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. (A moment for silent confession.) Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

* *Stand if able*

The Peace of Christ

* **Hymn (#372)** *"O for a World"* Glaser

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

* **Hymn (#749)** *"Come! Live in the Light!"* Haas

Second Reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

The Church is an assembly of the faithful, call or gathered out of the world. They are all citizens of the one city, living under the same Lord, under the same laws, and in the same fellowship of all good things. Those who are in the Church have one faith and one spirit; they worship but one God, and in God alone they worship in spirit and truth. Hence we must be very careful not to judge before the time, nor undertake to exclude, reject or cut off those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected, and those whom we cannot eliminate without loss to the Church. (From the Second Helvetic Confession)

* **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

"Vocalise"
Vernon Humbert, Cello

Rachmaninoff

* **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** (#714)

"God of the Fertile Fields"

Giardini

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude**

"To God Be the Glory"

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,"

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 62

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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 e-mail pam@oppresby.com with your e-mail information. We would love to keep you current on what's happening at OPPC.

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 is using a video series "Nehemiah, A Heart That Can Break" by Kelly Minter (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using "Grace" by Max Lucado (Ricky Kirby).