



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 20, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

PRELUDE *"More Love to Thee, O Christ"* Moore

PASTOR'S WELCOME

† THE PEACE OF CHRIST

† *"I've Got Peace Like a River"* #623

*I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (x2)*

*I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (x2)*

*I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. (x2)*

† CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Colossians 1:15-23)

Leader: Christ is the image of the invisible God - all things hold together in him.

People: **In Christ, we find our center and our peace.**

Leader: Through the cross, we are reconciled to God -

People: **made holy, beloved, and new.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

† OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you brought creation into being through Christ, and in Christ all things find their purpose. Open our eyes to see the risen Christ in our presence, so that we may sit and listen at his feet and find refreshment for our souls. We pray this in his name. Amen.

† HYMN *"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"* #824

† CALL TO CONFESSION (from Romans 3:23)

Everyone sins and falls short of the glory of God. Let us confess our sins and receive God's grace as a free gift from heaven.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you made us for both work and rest, for serving and listening. But how often do we truly listen? There are days when we forget to pray. We are distracted when your word is read. We make important decisions without bringing them to you. We sleep through wake up calls from your Spirit and expect to find wisdom in the world. Forgive us, we pray. Draw us back to the love that you have shown in your Son. Help us to sit at his feet, and to follow his leading, so that all that we do may flow from his wisdom and peace.

† SILENT PRAYER

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Col. 1:15-20)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news! Jesus is the image of the invisible God, and in him all things in heaven and on earth were created. It is through his cross that all things are reconciled to God, including us, so that we are holy and blameless before God and one another. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

† GLORIA PATRI

#581

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

#458

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way,
still you’re there right beside me.*

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 1:15-20

N. T. p. 200

Luke 10:38-42

N. T. p. 72, Children’s Bible p. 232

SERMON

Martha and Mary
(Why I Can't Give Up on the Church)

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

† HYMN *"Take My Life"* #697

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *"The Apostles' Creed"* Hymnal Page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Offering Music *"Who At My Door is Standing?"* Broughton

† Doxology and Prayer of Dedication #606

THE CHURCH MEETS CHRIST IN THE WORLD

† HYMN *"I Love to Tell the Story"* #462

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Help Us Accept Each Other"* Potter

† All those who are able, please stand.

Worship Assistant: Phaedra Smith

Ushers: Cindy Ezell, Dave and Katy Morrison, John and Joanne Rose

Deacon Greeter: Paula McCormick

Last Sunday's Attendance: 61

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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 the Pastor about becoming a church member, please note that on the card, and she will reach out to you to answer your questions.

BULLETIN IMAGE: “Mary and Martha: Good, Better, Best” is by Robin Birrell, an artist born and raised in Maine and now living in Waco, Texas. Mostly self-taught, she specializes in collage “paper painting” and colored pencil illustrations. This work is “mixed media - paper, colored pencil, and acrylic collage on wood. We thank her for giving us permission to use this work on the cover of our bulletin.

THE LORD’S PRAYER: On July 27, Pastor Sandra will be leading a special all-church Sunday School class on “The Lord's Prayer,” which will also be the focus of our Sunday worship. Come for breakfast snacks at 9:00 a.m.; the 45 minute class begins at 9:15 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND NURSERY: We are planning to resume these ministries during worship on Sunday, August 3. If you may be called to serve in either (or both) of these special ways, talk with Nursery Coordinator Laura Wilson or Children's Church Coordinator Laura Maierhoffer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using the Bible and studying the book of First Samuel” (Debbie Pendry). Travelers’ Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and is studying “Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets,” by Andy Stanley (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library and are using “The Parables of Jesus” by J. Dwight Pentecost (Ricky Kirby).