

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 17, 2026 • Seventh Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Meditation on "Rock of Ages"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: The hour has come; let us glorify our God!

People: We gather to know the only true God and Jesus Christ.

Leader: In our work and our prayer, we belong to the Holy One.

People: Protect us in your name, O God, that we may be one.

All: Let us worship God and rejoice in the joy of the Savior!

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#263) *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

* *Stand if able*

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Holy God, you sent Jesus to reveal your glory and bring us eternal life, yet we confess we often hide in fear and division, failing to live as one. We have not kept your word or shared your love with the world. Forgive us, Lord. Protect us by your name, unify our hearts, and guide us back to you, that we may bring glory to your name in all we do. In Jesus' name we pray. (Moment of silent confession.) Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace of Christ

* **Hymn** (#765) *"May the God of Hope Go with Us"*

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

* **Hymn** (#662) *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

Second Reading

John 17:1-11

Sermon

Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

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 *“May the Words of My Mouth”*

- * **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** (#547) *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*
- * **Charge & Benediction**
- * **Postlude** *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,

since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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Last Sunday's Attendance: 72

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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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a brief Congregational Meeting today in order to change the Board of Directors from the Congregation to the Session. Please plan on staying for a few minutes after worship to conduct this important business.

LITURGISTS WANTED: Liturgists (aka worship assistants) are needed each Sunday to assist with worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex with available dates. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Ezell.

CAMP MONTGOMERY: OPPC is again coordinating a Montgomery Camp Day for the refugee and immigrant students in the International Summer Academy run by Kim's Open Door, a non-profit organization working to "provide opportunities for all." Attending the July 16 camp day field trip is a "reward" for students who attend the Academy to maintain and enhance their academic skills, especially reading, writing and speaking English. Please consider "adopting" a camper; your \$50 donation will provide a breakfast snack, lunch and an afternoon snack and pay for the supervised camp activities of wall climbing, archery and swimming in the lake. Camper Adoption Commitment forms are available in the church narthex or through the church office. We hope to receive all donations by early July. Interested in helping or just observing how much joy our camp day provides? Please indicate your interest on a blue Connect card or call the church office and a Missions team member will be in touch with more information.

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 "Prophets and Kings" by Ray Vander Laan (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using "Grace" by Max Lucado (Ricky Kirby).



Donations Are Always Appreciated!!

Interested?? Here's how you can help...

CORE ITEMS

Peanut butter

Canned chicken

Canned tuna

Cereal (healthy)

Box mac 'n cheese

Dry pasta

1 lb bag rice

Chicken noodle soup

Canned fruit

Canned green beans

Canned corn

Canned peas

Diced tomatoes

Pasta Sauce

Pancake Mix

Oatmeal (canisters)

Other Items:

Syrup

Jelly

Applesauce pouches