WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 22, 2026 • Christ the King

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Thanksgiving Medley"*
Vernon Humbert, Cello and Sonja Lewis, Piano

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!
Leader: Know this! The Lord is God!
People: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
Leader: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.
People: Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name. For the Lord is good;
Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!
All: Come, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#385) *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known if was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways.

Declaration of Forgiveness

* *Stand if able*

The Peace of Christ

* **Hymn** (#400) *"I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say"* Farrell

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of God." And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.
For the love of my friends and kin I will bless you with signs of peace. For the love of God's own people I will labor and pray for you.
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

* **Hymn** (#727) *"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"* (Servant Song)

Second Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon Rev. Jess McCrosky

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. Therefore we reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. Amen. (From the Theological Declaration of Barmen)

* **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 *"Hymn of Grateful Praise"* Schram

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

* **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** (#363) *"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"*

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* Kocher

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
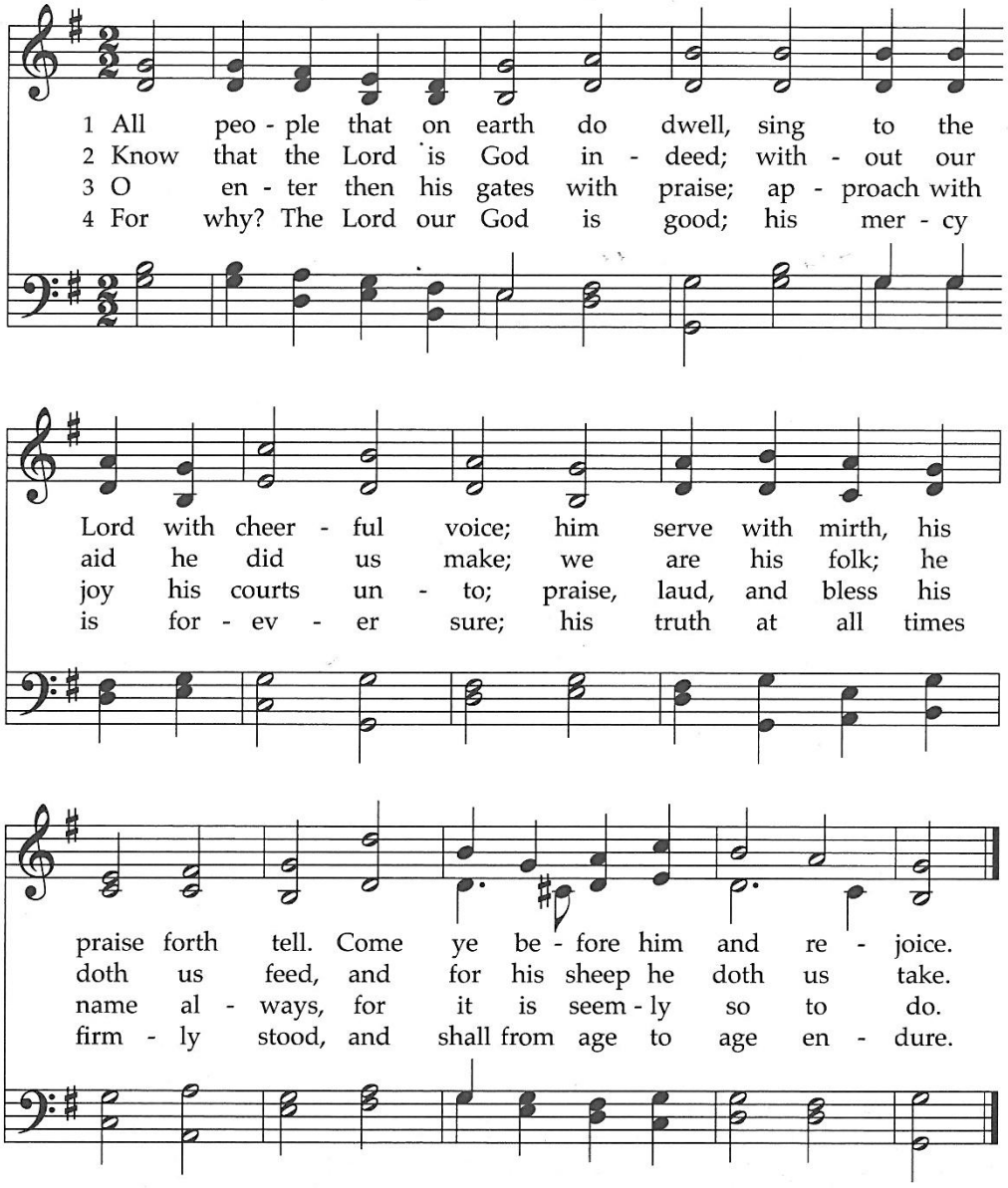
For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out.
As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.
I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.
I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide,
I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd.
And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Matthew 25:31-46
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.
All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.
Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,
for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'
Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?
And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'
Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels,
for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'
Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?'
Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'
And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)
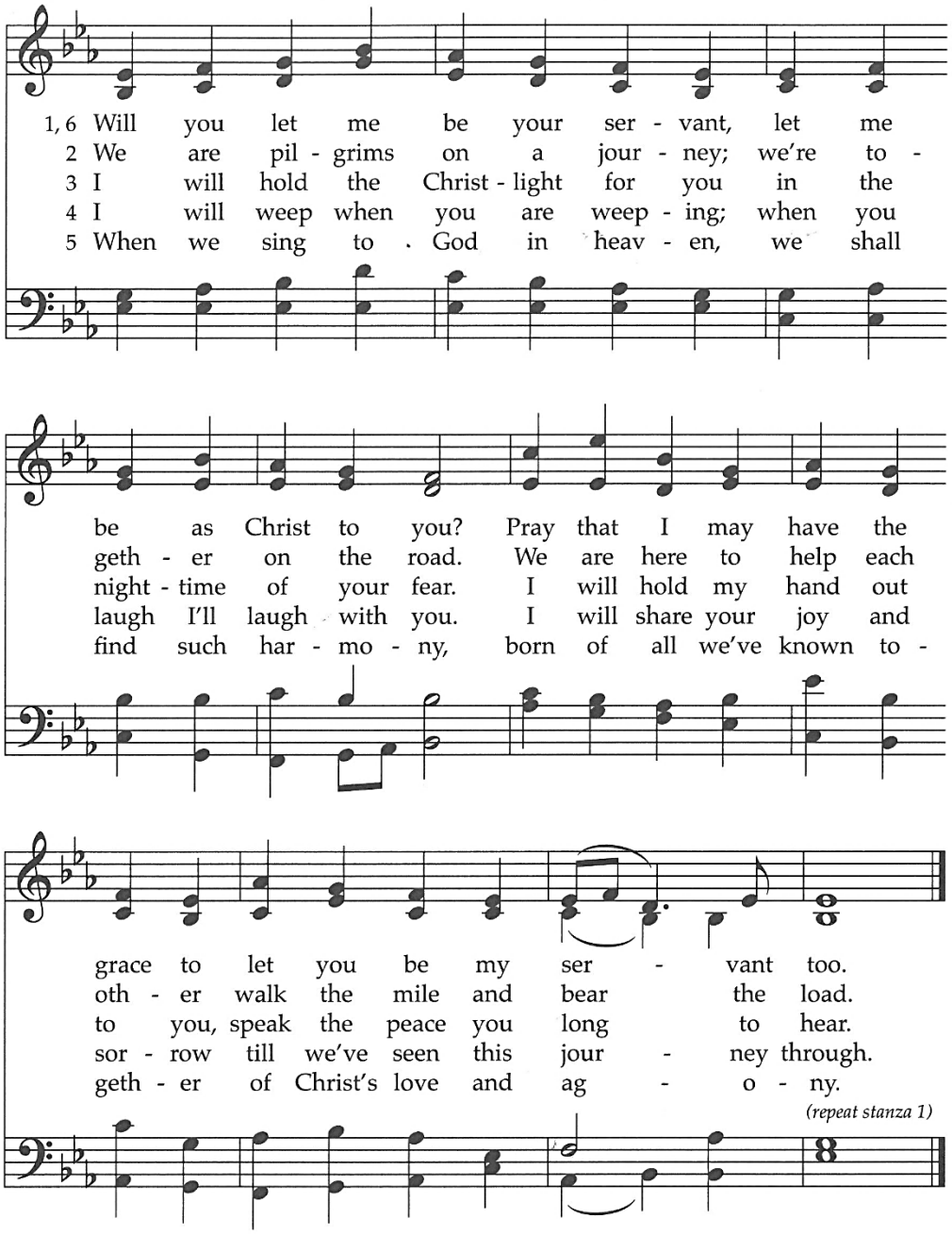


In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

TEXT: William Kethe, 1560
MUSIC: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song

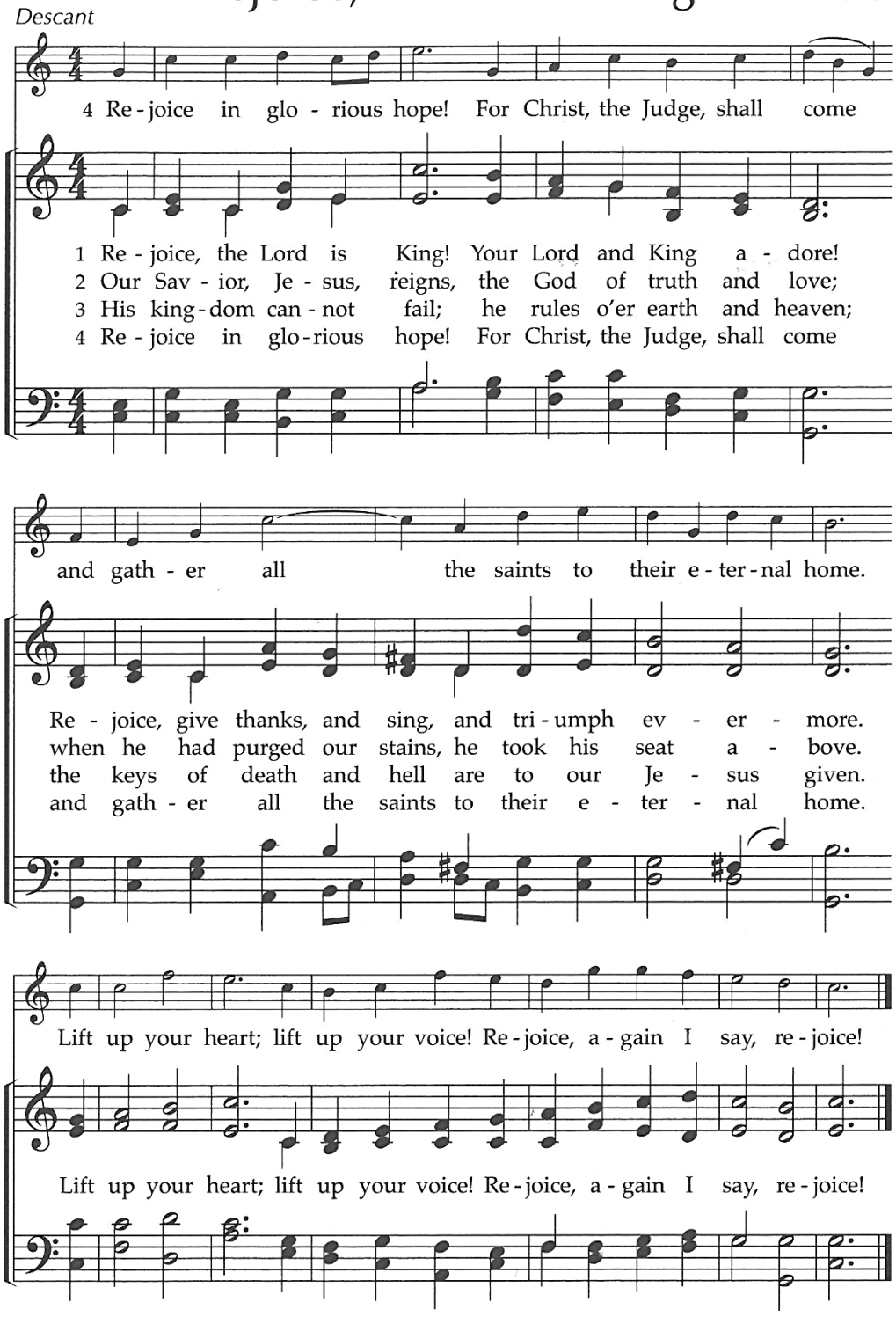


The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

TEXT: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.
MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. Betty Pulkingham
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THE SERVANT SONG
8.7.8.7

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363



Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.
MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 20th cent.
Music Desc. © 1985 Hymns Ancient & Modern (admin. Hope Publishing Company)

DARWALL'S 148TH
6.6.6.6.8.8

Worship Assistant: Suzanna Goulet

Ushers: Wayne and Cindy Ezell, Dave and Kathy Morrison, John and Joanne Rose
Deacon Greeter: Marianne Tammera

ONLINE GIVING

Last Sunday's Attendance: 80

Rev. James Kendrick, Pastor
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Vernon Humbert, Choir Director/Cellist
Sonja Lewis, Organist
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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND NURSERY: Children's Church on Sunday mornings is for ages 4 through 13 and takes place right after the children's message. Our nursery is open upon request for the younger ones.

LOVE GIFT: Once again, it is the season for saying thank you in a special way! You are invited to contribute to a designated fund that will provide a year-end love gift to our office, music and maintenance staff members and our preschool director (Pam, Sonja, Vernon, Tom, Lisa, and Amanda). We will need your contribution by December 6th at the latest so that checks may be prepared before Christmas. You may give by check by noting Love Gift in memo line or you can use the online portal and click on Love Gift in the menu. Your generosity is appreciated!

ANGEL TREE: For many years we have helped the Salvation Army to provide gifts for struggling families so that they may provide Christmas gifts to their children. Our Angel Tree is set up on the table in the back of the Sanctuary today. YOU may help by taking and "signing out" a tag showing a child's specific needs. Please return your gifts by Sunday, December 6. Thank you for blessing a family in need!

YEAR-END GIVING: We are grateful for the generosity of our members and other donors this year. Statements of giving for your year-end planning as of October 31 this Sunday, November 22. If you don't get your statement as you enter the Sanctury, please see an usher as you leave. If you have questions, please contact Fran Higson. Contributions for 2026 must be postmarked or received by December 31. We will provide a year-end statement by January 31 for your tax purposes.

ADVENT STUDY: Join us for our church-wide Advent Bible study, "Waiting – Spending Advent with the Psalms" by Elizabeth F Caldwell. We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings from November 29 through December 20. Enjoy breakfast snacks at 9 a.m., followed by discussion at 9:15.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using The Present Word "Soul of a Nation" (Laura Wilson). Travelers' Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and using a video series "Who is This Man?" by John Ortberg. (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).