

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 4, 2026 • Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Let Us Break Bread"

Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: The God who frees us invites us to worship. The God of law welcomes our loyal response.

People: **The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: God is present with us, eager to speak to us. Our Creator is here to test us and to keep us from sin.

People: **The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. God's decrees are sure, making wise the simple.**

All: **The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. May our awe before God be pure and enduring.**

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn (#515)**

"I Come with Joy"

Lovelace

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Almighty God, you brought us out of the houses of bondage and planted us like a choice vineyard. You fenced us in with your commandments and trusted us to tend your creation with justice and mercy. We confess that we have not yielded the fruits of your kingdom. We have broken your law, bowing down to idols of our own making and failing to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, merciful God. Cleanse us of our selfishness and restore our hearts. Help us to build our lives upon Christ, the chief cornerstone, so that we might bear fruit worthy of your kingdom. (Moment of silent confession.) Amen.

* *Stand if able*

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace of Christ

- * **Hymn (#434)** *"Restore in Us, O God"* Hopson
- Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.
Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

- * **Hymn (#61)** *"Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect"* Vulpius

Second Reading Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- * **Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen. (Apostles' Creed)

- * **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

"As the Deer"

Wagner

* **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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Commitment (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for meeting us at this table and feeding us with your grace. Having received the bread of life and the cup of salvation, strengthen us to become what we have received: the body of Christ for the world. Send us out with grateful hearts, courageous spirits, and lives shaped by your love, until all creation is gathered into the flourishing and fullness of your peace. Amen.

SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* **Hymn** (#744) *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"* Walter

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** *"Allegro Vivace"* Handel

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. "You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Matthew 21:33-46

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

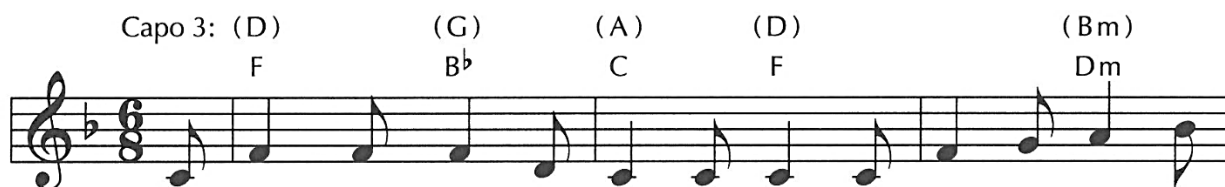
Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

I Come with Joy

515



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

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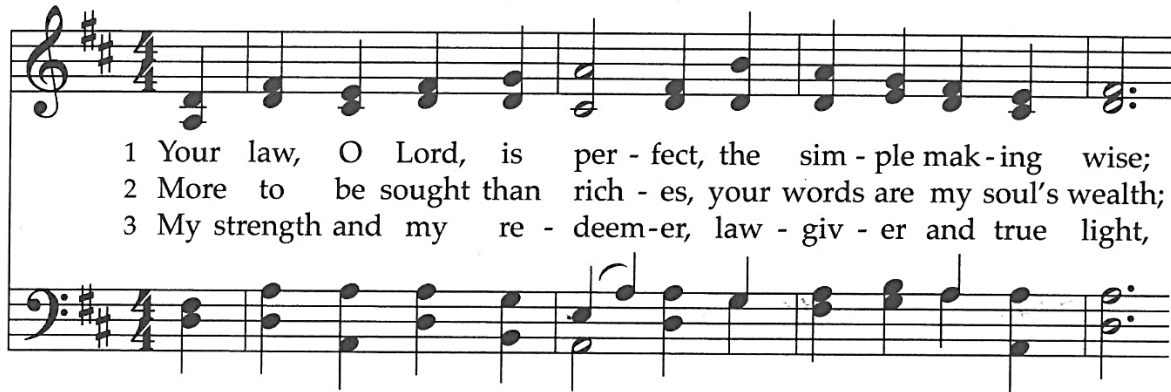
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DOVE OF PEACE

8.6.8.6.6

61 Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect

(Psalm 19)



1 Your law, O Lord, is per - fect, the sim - ple mak - ing wise;
2 More to be sought than rich - es, your words are my soul's wealth;
3 My strength and my re - deem - er, law - giv - er and true light,



how pure are your com - mand - ments, en - light - en - ing my eyes!
their taste is sweet like hon - ey, im - part - ing life and health.
my words and med - i - ta - tions make wor - thy in your sight.

Celebrating God's law in this paraphrase of the second half of Psalm 19 may seem odd if "law" is thought of simply as a list of things not to do. But in Jewish understanding, the law is seen as a gift, because it provides the signposts that show how to live as the people of God.

TEXT: Keith Landis, 1987

MUSIC: Melchior Vulpus, 1609

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CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

7.6.7.6

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a strong emphasis on the lyrics.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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(this tune in a lower key, 815)

Worship Assistant: Bev Davis

Ushers: Wayne and Cindy Ezell, John and Joanne Rose

Deacon Greeter: Sherry Miller

Last Sunday's Attendance: 70

ONLINE GIVING



Rev. James Kendrick, Pastor

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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.

BIBLE WHERE??? Our next gathering will be on Monday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m., at Mellow Mushroom in Fleming Island. This monthly event features food, fellowship, and discussion of a Bible lesson.

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DONATIONS: On Tuesday, October 6, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., we are accepting non-perishable food donations for the Clay County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.

SEW & SEWS: The Sew & Sews will meet on Wednesday, October 7, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Bev Davis.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: The next rehearsal will take place on October 7 at 6:30 p.m.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: GRACE CIRCLE - Thursday, October 8, 11:45 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Moderator: Lynda Wiggins. HOPE CIRCLE - Tuesday, October 13, 10:30 a.m., in the office. Moderator: Betty Wengert.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: Today is World Communion Sunday when all of God's people gather around the Table to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The World Communion Special

Offering of the PCUSA reflects the oneness of the church by supporting racial and gender justice, peacemaking efforts, global witness and interfaith relations. Contributing to this special offering is a way Presbyterians show their love for God and help all God's children live into the fullness of the prophet Micah's words: "to do justice and love kindness." Use the special World Communion Offering envelopes for your contribution or note on your check payable to OPPC "World Communion Offering."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using "Genesis" by AJ Levine (Debbie Pendry). 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).