

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 20, 2026 • Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Southbridge

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

People: God's greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: Let us join together in praise and worship of our God!

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn** (#36)

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Green

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Almighty God, when we follow our own path and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. (Moment of silent confession.) Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

* *Stand if able*

The Peace of Christ

- * **Hymn (#447)** *"We Are Forgiven"* Hopson
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Philippians 1:21-30

- * **Hymn (#702)** *"Christ Be Beside Me"* Grotenhuis

Second Reading Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- * **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) *"The Apostles' Creed"*
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.
- * **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

"Revelation 19"

LaValley

* 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 (#839)

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Knapp

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

"Go With Us, Lord"

Tallis

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

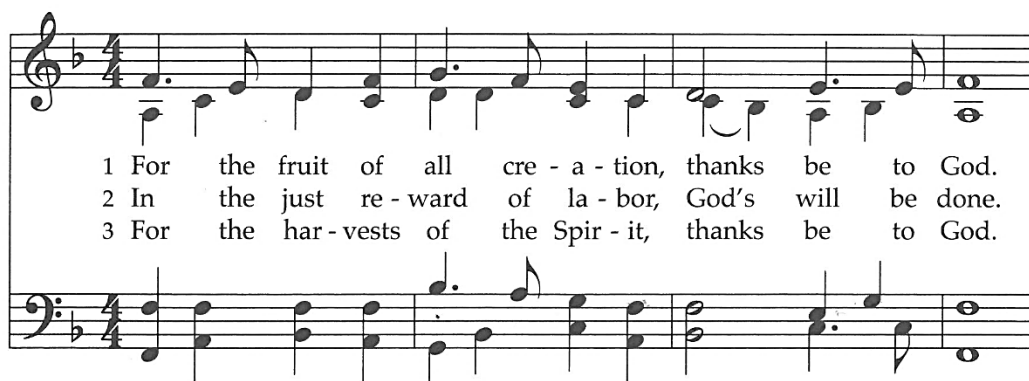
Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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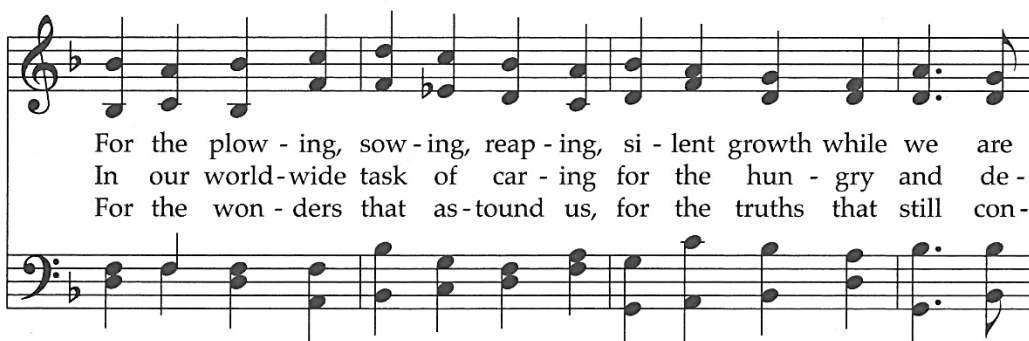
For the Fruit of All Creation 36



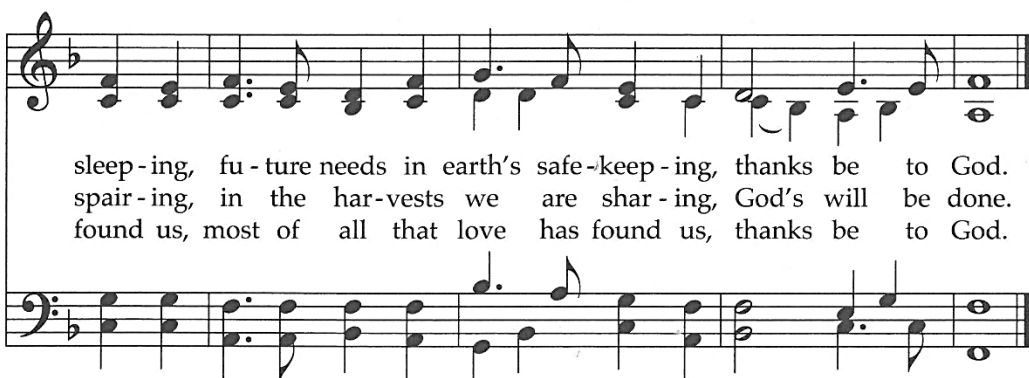
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

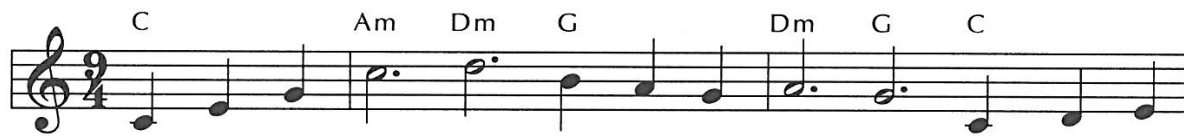


sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

Christ Be Beside Me

702



1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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BUNESSAN

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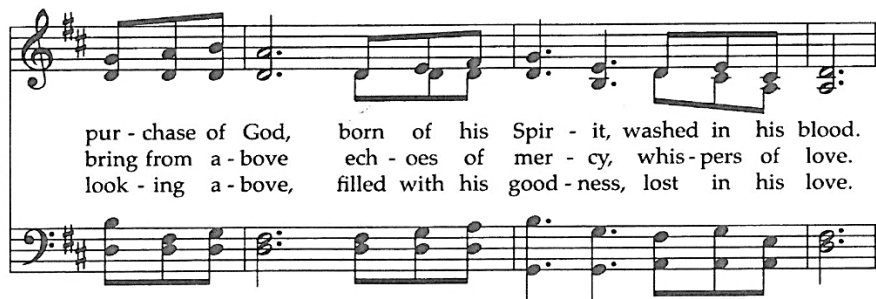
839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

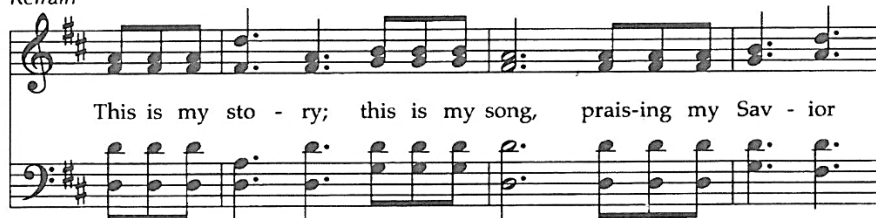


fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

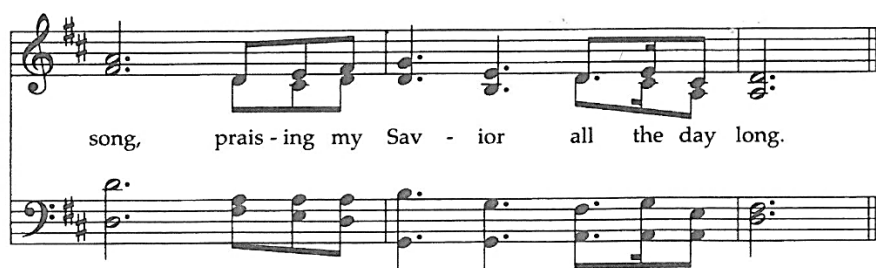
Refrain



This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior



all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my



song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Worship Assistant: Sarah Johnson

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 70

ONLINE GIVING



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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We will have congregational meeting after worship TODAY to elect a new congregational nominating committee: Debbie Mueller, Pat Carlile, Cindy Kirby, Martin Miller, and Marjorie Phillips.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: October 4 is World Communion Sunday and 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 taken that day 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." See the enclosed insert to learn about the many ways this offering encourages reconciliation and what it means to belong to a global, connected church shaped by God's endless love. When contributing, please make your check payable to OPPC and notate "World Communion Offering."

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Help support our preschool ministry by shopping the Charleston Wrap fundraiser. Scan the QR code with the organization code: 29781, view the catalog online, and start shopping or pick up a catalog in the Narthex. All proceeds will directly benefit the preschool facilities. Thank you for your support! *Deadline for orders is September 22.*



(No participant credit is awarded - only organization credit.)

WOMEN'S MINI RETREAT: The Women's Retreat Committee warmly invites you to "Our Sacred Story – Revisiting the Women of Faith," a special mini-retreat celebrating some of the inspiring women of the Bible and the powerful stories of faith, courage, obedience, perseverance, and trust that they left for us. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Green Cove Springs, September 26th, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided, there is no fee, but to prepare adequately for the luncheon, we would appreciate your letting us know of your interest in attending. Please contact Cindy Ezell to indicate your plans.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The Men of the Church will meet on Sunday, September 27, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a hot breakfast and fellowship. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. David Rollins, Lead Presbyter of the Presbytery of St. Augustine. Come and hear about the latest happenings in our Presbytery. No RSVP needed – just show up! Contact Mark Poole if more information is needed.

HUNGER FIGHT: OPPC is sponsoring a table at the annual Hunger Fight "packing event" at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (7190 Highway 17 South, Fleming Island) on Saturday, October 3, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. We need a total of 10 people to man our food packing table and we still need a few more volunteers. If you would like to join this fun and rewarding event, please contact Marcia De Vore. The food packets will be given to local school children on Fridays to provide meals for their families over the weekend.

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).