



First United Methodist Church of Orange

WALK IN THE LIGHT

A SERIES FROM 1 JOHN

MAY 12, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

THE ENTRY

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Sing and Rejoice

Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come worship the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our shepherd.

PEOPLE: **He lays down his life for his sheep.**

LEADER: Come worship the living God, who illumines our way.

PEOPLE: **God knows us, and we belong to him.**

LEADER: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

PEOPLE: **The Lord redeems the life of his servants!**

*OPENING HYMN

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

Hymnal #122

1. God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise
2. God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save
3. God the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks
4. God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

5. God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

*PRAYER

Jesus, our risen Christ,
Be known to us in our lives and in our worship,
and help us recognize and celebrate your presence.

**Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may faithfully fulfill your call to discipleship
and bring your message of love to the world.
In your Holy name we pray. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to God, the Father. Glory be to God, the Son.
Glory be to God, the Spirit, Three in One.

As it was in the beginning; as it is and ever shall be;
now and evermore shall be; world without end, Amen!
World without end, Amen!

*GREETING

CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE SONG

Thy Word is a Lamp

Hymnal #601 (refrain)

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

FIRST LESSON

1 John 5:1-13

New Revised Standard Version

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love

God and obey his commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. 7 There are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. 9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 1

Hymnal #738

LEADER: Blessed are those
who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;
PEOPLE: **or stand in the way of sinners,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**
LEADER: but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
PEOPLE: **and on God's law they meditate day and night.**
LEADER: They are like trees
planted by streams of water
that yield their fruit in season,
and their leaves do not wither.
PEOPLE: **In all that they do, they prosper.**
LEADER: They wicked are not so,
but are like chaff which the wind drives away.
PEOPLE: **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**
LEADER: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
PEOPLE: **but the way of the wicked shall perish.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:6-19

New Revised Standard Version

[Jesus continued,] 6 "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. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I

Easter people, you belong to the Risen Christ!

**Because we belong to Christ we will share Christ's love, in our homes,
With our families and everywhere we go.**

COMMUNITY PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #95

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

Happy the Home When God Is There

Hymnal #445

1. Happy the home when God is there,
and love fills every breast;
when one their wish, and one their prayer,
and one their heavenly rest.
2. Happy the home where Jesus' name
is sweet to every ear;
where children early speak his fame,
and parents hold him dear.
3. Happy the home where prayer is heard,
and praise is wont to rise;
where parents love the sacred Word
and all its wisdom prize.

4. Lord, let us in our homes agree
this blessed peace to gain;
unite our hearts in love to thee,
and love to all will reign.

SENDING FORTH

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind blow at your back,
may the sun shine warmly on your face.

May the rain fall softly on your home
and until we meet again, until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE



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