Ormond Uniting Church

Pentecost 15

September 6, 2026

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Music: Dr Karen Roberts

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE 聚集敬拜

Call to worship

Acknowledgement of Country

1 Hymn: 547 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION 忏悔祷告

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD 敬听圣言

1st Scripture Reading: Exodus 出埃及记 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly.

It is the Passover of the LORD. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. "This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

2nd Scripture Reading: Psalm 诗篇 119: 33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding,
that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,

which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.

3rd Scripture Reading: Matthew 马太福音 18:15-20

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

This is the Word of God.
Thanks be to God.

2 Hymn: Turn your eyes to Jesus

Sermon: If two of you agree…

Music Video: Blessed Assurance

Offering:

Doxology: 768(i) Praise God

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; (two hands up)
Praise God, all creatures here below; (two hands down)
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; (one arm up)
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. (other arm up)
Amen. (Hands to heart.)

Announcements and concerns of the church

Prayer of the People

An early Sunday in spring
A Blessing in Spring
Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
O God when the sun's shining down on us when the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Blessed be your name.
You give and take away but our hearts will choose to say Lord,
Blessed be your name.

Dear Lord,
You have what it takes to make this spring our best ever.
You can bring bountiful blessings to us.
You can help us create a continually contagious caring and compassionate attitude in our hearts.
You can design dreams about our destiny that will capture our imagination and ignite our determination.
You can open seemingly endless streams of encouragement.
Our prayer request to you, Lord, is
Let all the wisdom, insights, healing mercies, financial provision, relationship blessings, and dynamic energy that you have ready to give us - start flowing without hindrance.

Creator God,
at the start
of this spring
when thoughts turn again
to beginnings,
starting afresh,

as we gaze into the distance
of hopes and dreams,
opportunities for service,
challenges
and uncertainties.
Take our fears
and turn them into strengths.
Take our lack of faith
and empower us,
through the Spirit
who breathes life into this world,

whose presence is reflected
in the icy chill
of winter's breath,
as well as the comforting warmth
of a summer breeze.
Walk with us into this spring

Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 圣餐

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE 差遣信徒

The Peace

3 Hymn: 380 Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Benediction

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