

Ormond Uniting Church



Women arrive at the Tomb, He Qi

Pentecost 11

August 24, 2025

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Chair of Council: Dr Mardie Townsend

Music: Peter Hurley

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE 聚集敬拜

Call to worship

Acknowledgement of Country

1 Hymn: 153 God is Love: let heaven adore him

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION 忏悔祷告

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD 敬听圣言

1st Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 耶利米书1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you; Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

2nd Scripture Reading: Luke 路加福音13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s address:

2 Hymn: 256 From heaven you came, helpless babe

Sermon: Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you...

Video Music: Halleluiah (in Chinese)

Offering

Announcements and concerns of the church

Prayer of the People

LOVING God we bring before you our prayers for the people.

O Lord our God, order the course of this world in peace that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness. We pray for countries to find diplomatic solutions that bring harmony between nations and war will end. We especially remember the people in the Gaza and Ukraine. Send your Holy Spirit to their leaders enabling them to make decisions for the people, putting aside their own selfishness and desire for power.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Here our prayer Lord for the poor the marginalized, and those facing hardship. The homeless, those struggling financially who are unable to feed their families or heat their homes in the cold climate. Be with us as a community as we continue to help those in need with our gifts that support refugees and with our donations to the Little free Pantry for those in need in our own community.. Open our hearts to new opportunities in our mission to support others in your name.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Here our prayer Lord for those facing end of life give them comfort and peace, as well as giving their loved ones strength and guidance while facing loss. We pray for those who are unwell, and especially those among us who a facing challenges at the moment. We ask for Gods mercy and healing touch, for the removal of illness and pain. We are also mindful of their carers. Give them strength to navigate the challenges ahead.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Gracious God we are blessed to be part of the Church family at Ormond. We need your guidance in our daily life and for our spiritual growth. Give us strength for all that is ahead. And may the light of your presence shine in all our hearts and actions.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Lets us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE 差遣信徒

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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

Benediction

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