

# Orange United Methodist Church

## Find Your Place in God's Story



ORANGE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

April 28, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



***Acts 15:12-21***

*Rising Strong: Rising from Quarreling*

*Rev. Adam Seate*

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We come today seeking refuge and unification during conflict.

**People: Help us to address our fears and listen to each other.**

Leader: We pray for resolving disagreements and open ourselves to see both sides.

**People: Help us to bring about change and welcome new ideas.**

**All: God, grant us peace in finding unity which will strengthen us.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

UMH #545

*The Church's One Foundation*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

UMH #881

*The Apostles' Creed*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Prayers of the People**

(Congregation invited to name silently or aloud prayer concerns.)

**The Lord's Prayer**

UMH #895

*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.*

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #369

*My Hope is Built*

## Prayer for Illumination

*O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen.*

## Scripture Lesson

Acts 15:1-21  
Pew Bible NT page 126

## Sermon

Rev. Adam Seate  
*Rising Strong: Rising from Quarreling*

## Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

### Offertory

Kimberly Kososki

### Doxology

UMH #95

### \*Hymn of Going Forth

UMH #529

*How Firm a Foundation*

### \*Benediction

\*Please stand in body or spirit

## Discussion Questions

1. If you grew up in church, what were some of the extra-biblical rules imposed on you, or what cultural manners and morals were expected of you?
2. When you first became a follower of Christ, what behavioral norms were expected of you?
3. What roles do tradition, reason, and experience play in the decision making process of the council in Acts 15:1-21?
4. Have you ever "assumed the worst" and found that you were completely wrong? Is there someone with whom you are struggling that you should "assume the best"?

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<b>Stewardship</b>		<b>Attendance</b>	
<u>2024 Budget</u>	\$686,600	<b>In-Person: 4/21</b>	
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$13,286	<b>9:00:</b>	107
<u>Weekly Given 4/21</u>	\$8,757	<b>11:00:</b>	33
<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>	\$212,576	<b>Total:</b>	140
<u>Y-T-D Given</u>	\$175,365		
<u>Y-T-D Special Gifts</u>	\$2,257		

**Prayer List: Prayer List:** The Family of Jim Felton, David Hughes, Robert Guerry, Brent Ardoin, Sharon Van Vechten, Raye Mann, William Hill, Alaina Vick, Perry Pasquale, Sarah Price, Harlan Home, Martha Clark, Robert Stephens, Elizabeth Romska, Shirley & John Maddry, Matt and Torie Griffin, Paul Mann, Marjorie Young, Doug Lange, Kent Many, and Harold & Mickey Rogerson.

**To add, update, or remove names from the prayer list please email [office@oumcmail.com](mailto:office@oumcmail.com).**