

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 22, 2017 – 11:00 am

Epiphany 3

The Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

* **Introit (All):** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" VU 220, v1

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Friends, let us love one another.

All: Because love is from God.

One: God's love was revealed among us in this way,

All: Jesus Christ came into the world.

One: Since God loves us so much,

All: We are called to love one another. Come, let us worship.

* **Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU #567

Preparation of the Space:

Candles: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

(The candles are lighted)

Bible: Jesus said, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples. You will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

(The Bible is placed on the table)

Bread and Wine: Jesus said, "This is my body, which is given for you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood."

(The bread and wine are brought forward and placed on the table)

Water: John declared, "I baptise you with water... but Jesus will baptise you with the Holy Spirit..."

(A pitcher of water is brought forward)

Listening

Hymn for Baptism: "God, We Pray at This Beginning" VU #443

The Sacrament of Baptism

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 1:35-42

Anthem: "It is Good, O Lord"

Sermon: What Are You Looking For?

Hymn: "As We Gather at Your Table" VU #457

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: ... and joining your unending hymn:

Sanctus: (All)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Consecration

Invitation

Fraction and Distribution

Prayer after Communion

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "What Can I Do" MV #191

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn of Dismissal:** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" VU #481

* **Commissioning:**

One: We have found the Messiah. Let us follow where Jesus leads.

All: We want to learn from Jesus how to live. We are eager to be faithful disciples.

One: We have welcomed two new members to God's family. We have gathered as family at God's Table.

All: We leave this place filled with faith and love.

One: God goes with us, strengthening us for all life's journey.

All: We put our trust in God. We will delight in following God's way.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

* **Choral Response:** "Four-Fold Amen"

Music as We Depart