

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 19, 2017 – 11:00 am

Epiphany 7

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles

* Introit (All): "Spirit of Life" VU #381

* Call to Worship:

One: Greetings, sisters and brothers in faith.

All: **We come to celebrate God's presence,**

One: and God's love, shown through Jesus Christ.

All: **We come, remembering Jesus' life and ministry,**

One: and the life we are called to live.

All: **We come as pilgrim people searching for ways to live out our faith.**

One: We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

All: **Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!**

Prayer of Invocation:

We come together as your people, God. We come as a praising people, singing your goodness; we come as a praying people, bringing our needs, our joys; we come as a listening people, opening to your Word. Fill us with your love and empower us for faithful living, we pray. Amen.

* Hymn: "Let Us Build a House" MV #1

A Declaration of Hope:

One: We live in a world where we are in need of God's healing, and the restoration of community.

All: **And yet, we are also a people of hope! We are people of strength and promise! God hears our prayers and our cries! We are not alone in our sorrows.**

One: And so we affirm our faith through the proclamation of A New Creed:

All: **We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church;

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Hymn: "Over My Head" MV #88

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings: Psalm 67 VU p. 786
I Kings 8:12-21

Anthem: "Gloria Deo"

Sermon: **The Journey – Our Congregational DNA**

Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" VU #541

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "Grant Us, God, the Grace" VU #540

Prayer of Dedication:

We bring our gifts to you, God. Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts. Accept them and use them, through Christ our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn of Dismissal:** "Deep in Our Hearts" MV #154

* Commissioning:

One: From where we are to where you need us,

All: Jesus, now lead on.

One: From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal,

All: Jesus, now lead on.

One: To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your realm.

All: Jesus, now lead on.

One: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God.

All: Jesus, now lead on.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

* **Choral Closing: (All)** VU p. 961

Music as We Depart