

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave.
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ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, July 2, 2017 – 9:30 am

Welcome & News of the Community

Introit: “Gather Us In” MV #7 (x3)

Gathering Words:

One: All power is yours, Almighty God.

All: **Creator of mountains, origin of life, source of countless galaxies.**

One: All good is yours, Compassionate God.

All: **Inspiring the caregivers, sustaining the powerless, motivating those who seek justice.**

One: All hopefulness is yours, Eternal God.

All: **Encouraging the downhearted, lighting the dark places, defeating death.**

One: All love is yours, Parent God.

All: **You form our faith community, you give life to your people and value this troubled planet. We praise you, world without end. Amen.**

Sharing the Story: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-13

Stories for All God’s Children

The Lord’s Prayer

Message: **The Faith We Sing:
How Firm a Foundation**

Music: “How Firm a Foundation” VU #660

Offertory: “When We are Living” VU #581, v2

Offertory Prayer:

We do not meet all the people that our gifts reach, we cannot feel their pain or know their struggle. But we give with generous hearts; and we give in faith, for we know that you, Loving God, will bless the compassion, the freedom, and the community that these gifts make possible. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Affirmation:

One: You are a people ready for adventure!

All: **We go forth to risk life-giving experiences.
We go forth to challenge injustice.
We go forth to meet the needs of our community.
We go forth with Jesus’ example before us.
We go with God’s love surrounding us.**

Music: “We Have This Ministry” VU #510

Benediction

Music: “O Canada” VU #524