

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 25, 2017 – 11:00 am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

* 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:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" VU #220, v1

* **Call to Worship**

One: This is a place of thanksgiving.

All: We rejoice that we are here!

One: This is a time to bring praise and prayer to God.

All: We rejoice in the opportunity for worship.

One: These are the friends who have become our church family.

All: We rejoice that they are persons to trust and support.

One: We have come to meet Christ, who leads and challenges us.

All: We rejoice in the inspiration that has always been there for us and always will be.

One: Let us worship God.

* **Hymn:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" VU #226

Reception of Members

Affirmation of Faith: "A New Creed" VU p.918

* **Hymn:** "Glory to God" MV #36

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Story

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 1:14-18

Anthem: "At the Table of the Lord"

Sermon: **The Faith We Sing: Amazing Grace**

* **Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" VU #266

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "Creator God, You Gave Us Life" MV #27, v3

Prayer of Dedication:

One: These gifts will be blessed, as they are used to do God's work.

All: Children will sing joyfully of God's creation, those of advanced years will laugh and reminisce, young moms and dads will get together and the lonely and addicted will find a place to share.

One: The Bible will be opened to the curious, and the tuneful will raise the roof with their singing.

All: God's "work" will not seem like work at all. Thanks be to God. Amen!

* **Hymn:** "Here, O My Lord" VU #459, vs 1-3

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

*** Hymn of Dismissal:** "Here, O My Lord" VU #459, vs 4-5

*** Commissioning:**

One: We go from here a hopeful people, for God goes with us.

**All: In times of trouble, God will support us; in times of
weakness, God will be our strength; in times of doubt,
God will give us direction; in times of loneliness, God
will touch us with the friendship of others; in times of
sadness, God will embrace us with love.**

One: Nothing can destroy your hopes!

All: In the power and love of God, Amen.

*** Sung Blessing:**

"May the Blessing of God Be Upon You" VU #429

Music as We Depart