

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, December 31, 2017, 9:00 am

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Welcome & News of the Community

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words: (Psalm 148)

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

All: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

One: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

One: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

All: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

One: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

All: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Music:

“Hope is a Star”

VU #7

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain:

*When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth. **R**

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born. **R**

Love is a flame that burns in our heart,
Jesus has come and will never depart. **R**

Prayer:

We come, this first Sunday after Christmas, marvel that we have celebrated once again the birth of Jesus. That once again we have told the stories. That once again we have relived in our minds the coming of the angels and the shepherds and the wise men. And the coming of a child. As we reflect on what we

have experienced, let us use it to look forward to the coming year. Let us seek to understand what you have called us to. Amen.

Music: "Behold, Behold" MV #115

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)
I make all things new
Beginning with you
And starting from today.
Behold (behold,) behold, (behold,)
I make all things new,
My promise is true,
For I am Christ the way.

Children's time

Sharing the Story: Luke 2: selected

Prayers

Response: We will pray silently.

Music: "Joy to the World" VU #59

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.