

Welcome!

A warm welcome to all who gather for worship.
If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the stairwell.

Thank you to **Rev Bob Lockhart** for presiding today.

Thank you also to:

Greeter/Reader.....Beth Crosby
Organists..... Chantal and Charlotte Peng
Lemonade on the Lawn..... Shirley Anne & John Burdock
Tellers.....Betty Curry & Dorothy Robbins
Custodian.....Heather McKinley



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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Orchard Valley Pastoral Charge

Worship Service

Sundays in July and August at 11:00 am

at the

Covenanter Church



ORCHARD VALLEY PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada

Sunday, July 8, 2018 – 11:00 am

Anniversary Order of Worship

GATHERING

Prelude Music

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship: *(based on Psalm 117 and Psalm 118:24)*

One: Come all you nations of the earth and praise the Lord.

All: **For God's love for the world overwhelms us.**

One: The promises of God extends to all generations.

All: **This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice
and be glad in it.**

Hymn: "All People that on Earth Do Dwell" #822
(Scottish Psalter Version on p. 823)

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

**Draw near, O God, and hear our prayers both spoken
and silently whispered from the depths of our soul. We
come from many walks of life to celebrate your
presence and the anniversary of this church. We bring
with us our joy and happiness; our sadness and grief;
our anxieties and fears so terrible that we cannot find
the words to give expression to what we feel. We trust
that before a word or thought is formed within us or
between us you can hear, you listen and you
understand. In Jesus you draw near to the world and in
him you pour out your Holy Spirit to rescue us from**

**wanton selfishness, pride and warring madness, rich in
goods and poor in spirit. You set the world free to serve
you. Teach us to do your will. Renew your church in the
world that we may be better channels of your faith,
hope and love. In Jesus name we pray: Our Father who
art in heaven....Amen.**

Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #806

LISTENING

Readings from the Scriptures:

2 Samuel 5:1-3, 10-13

Luke 4: 16-34

Sermon: **In order to rescue the world,
God becomes King**

RESPONDING

Offering of Gifts: (Doxology VU #541)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low;

Give thanks to God in love made known;

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Offertory Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring these
gifts to you, O God. Help us to give them with a ready
mind, a willing spirit and a joyful hearts. May they be
used to do your work in this place and in the world.
Amen.**

Prayers for the Day:

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One: O Christ, you are the great bridge builder between all people of the earth, pour out your Spirit upon us so that your love may flow in and through us so that your work continues in the world. Across the barriers that divide one race, one nation, one culture from another.

All: Help us build bridges of friendship.

One: Across the barriers that divide rich from poor, the starving from the overfed.

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One: Across the barriers that divide between those considered to be respectable and those considered to be outcast.

All: Help us see the dignity of the other as one who bears the image of God.

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All: Help us support each other in the journey we all take in life, in death and in life beyond death.

One: Across the barriers that divide, confront us with our hidden prejudices and fears which deny and betray our confession of faith in you as the saviour of the world.

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Hymn: “One More Step Along the World I Go” #639

Benediction

Postlude Music

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