

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 8, 2018, 9:30 am

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Welcome and News of the Community

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

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.*

* Call to Worship:

One: As the new shoot breaks the ground,
All: Break open our hearts, O God.
One: As the fern unfolds and spreads its leaves,
All: unfold our minds, O God.
One: As the flower reaches for the warmth of the sun,
All: reach into our lives, O God, and help us reach for you.

* Opening Prayer:

One: The risen Christ meets us at the tomb, and turns our tears to joy. For your love and goodness...
All: we give you thanks, O God.
One: Christ comes through our locked doors, and turns our fear to courage. For your love and goodness...
All: we give you thanks, O God.
One: Christ comes to daily life and work, and turns our failure to new vision. For your love and goodness...
All: we give you thanks, O God.
One: Christ breaks the bread, and turns our despair to hope. For your love and goodness...
All: we give you thanks, O God.

Hymn: "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" VU #299

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "When We Are Living" VU #581, v2
*Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.*

* **Offertory Prayer: (All)**
Saving God, you are in the process of making the world the world whole. Use the gifts offered in the plate along with our energy, gifts and talents, to be a part of your saving work.

Hymn: "If Our God Had Simply Saved Us" VU #131
vss 1,2,3

Stories for All God's Children

Hymn: "If Our God Had Simply Saved Us" VU #131
vss 13, 14, 15

Prayer of Confession: (All)

Loving God, while you are in the process of saving, we try to save ourselves by other means like stuff, money, political parties, legislation and militarism. Forgive us for placing our faith in something other than the abundant love by which you save us.

Words of Assurance:

One: As Easter people, we know what Christ has done for each of us.
**All: We celebrate the good news with joy and delight.
Thanks be to God!**

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:5-12

One: For the word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Saving, Messing and Piglets

Hymn: "Christ Has Made the Sure Foundation" VU #325

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Open My Eyes that I May See" VU #371

* Sending Forth