

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 29, 2018, 9:30 am

*** Please rise in body and/or spirit**

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

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

* **Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles**

* **Call to Worship:** *(based on Psalm 14)*

One: Some say in their hearts, "There is no God."

All: Too often we have been those people in word or deed.

One: Still, the Lord looks from heaven for those who seek God.

All: May we be found among the company of the righteous!

One: Deliver us from evil, O God.

Restore your people's fortunes.

All: Lord, only in you can we find refuge. Amen.

* **Hymn:** "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU #563

* **Opening Prayer**

One: Triune God, shepherd of your people Israel,

All: you provide for us far more than we expect or imagine possible.

One: Calm our fears; speak peace to us; lead us beyond ourselves.

All: Gather us with all the saints in the church to glorify you for your mighty deeds.

One: We pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Listening

Children's Focus

* **Hymn:** "It Only Takes a Spark" VU #289

Scripture Reading: John 6:1-21

Sermon: Bread of Life or World?

* **Hymn:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" VU #626

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "When We Are Living" VU #581, v2

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Receive the offerings we bring, O God, and sanctify them to the holy purpose of extending your gifts to all who are in need and to all who would desire them, even as you sanctify our lives in the presence of the Holy Christ who is in our midst today. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Will Your Anchor Hold" VU #675

* **Commissioning:**

One: With words and whispers of the heart, God has spoken to us in these moments.

All: For this reason, we shall go out and break bread with everyone we meet.

One: With ways to care for others, with bread for the journey,
Jesus sends us to care for those around us.

**All: For this reason, we shall go out to be with the
hungry, the broken, the lonely.**

One: With seeds of hope planted deep within us, the Spirit
prepares us to be hope and peace to others.

**All: For this reason, we shall go to the places we
otherwise avoid, to serve all in need.**

*** Benediction**

Music as We Depart