

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 24, 2019, 11:00 am

3rd Sunday of Lent

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

* **Introit:** "Come, We That Love the Lord" VU #715, v1

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: A rich feast awaits those who call upon God.

All: God offers to us all the bounty of God's love.

One: How we have thirsted for hope and peace!

All: How we have longed for joy and love!

One: God continually blesses and heals us.

All: Thank God for God's steadfast love, and our continuing love for one another.

* **Hymn:** "For the Fruit of All Creation" VU #227

* **Lenten Candle Journey** *(from Gathering)*

* Opening Prayer:

One: Gentle and loving God, our souls cling to you...

All: like a newborn baby clings to its mother.

One: Give us this day the Bread of life,

All: that as we feast at your table, our souls may be filled with your praise. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" VU #356

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9
Luke 13:1-9

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Just a Closer Walk"

Sermon: **Get Bent!**

* **Hymn:** "Water Flowing from the Mountains" MV #87

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "God of All Good" VU #539, v3

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Holy One, your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you and our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "You Shall Go Out With Joy" VU #884

*** Commissioning:**

One: Go out seeking new perspectives.

All: Lent is a great time to examine ourselves.

One: Go out seek ways to get turned around...

All: to become an even better person.

One: We won't stand on the sidelines...

All: we will go out with the joy of a servant's heart, willing and cheering, pouring cool water into the dry places.

*** Benediction**

Choral Blessing: "Simeon's Blessing"

Music as We Depart

LENTEN CHALLENGE WEEK 3

This week, your challenge is to pray for an enemy. Every day, let's spend some time praying for someone who has hurt or offended you. Or you might pray for someone with whom you are having a difficult relationship or someone you just don't see eye to eye with. Take some time every day to pray for that person, or simply send them love and compassion. So, that is your challenge for the coming week.