

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 28, 2019, 11:00 am

2nd Sunday in Easter

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: God's promise, through Jesus, has been fulfilled.

All: Through God's loving acts, Christ rises as our light to guide our actions and our lives.

* **Introit:** "Welcome, Happy Morning" VU #161, v1

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!
Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

**All: Give praise for God's mighty deeds!
Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

One: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

All: Praise God with the harp and the cello!

One: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

All: Praise God with flutes and guitars!

One: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

All: Let everything with life and breath praise God!

* **Hymn:** "I Danced in the Morning" VU #352
vs.1,2,4,5

* **Opening Prayer:**

One: God of the Resurrection,

All: you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us.

One: In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection,

All: touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others.

One: Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive,

All: so that all may have new life.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" VU #245

Scripture Readings: Psalm 150
John 20:19-31

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Peace Like a River / Amen"

Sermon: Too Good to be True?

* **Hymn:** "Thine is the Glory" VU #173

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks" VU #179
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* **Offertory Prayer:**

From our hearts and from our hands, we humbly and gladly present these gifts to you, O God, that they may be used to serve you and to bless your people, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen! Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection" VU #586

* **Commissioning:**

One: We know the tomb is empty;

All: Christ is risen!

One: We believe the friends of Jesus when they tell us;

All: Christ is risen!

One: We rejoice in the new faith community;

All: Christ is risen!

One: In hope, we will work for peace and justice;

All: Christ is risen!

One: Jesus the Christ is risen indeed!

* **Benediction**

Music as We Depart