

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 19, 2019, 11:00 am

5th 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: Jesus said, I give you a new commandment – that you love one another.

All: By lighting this candle, let everyone in its glow know that we are Christ's disciples, by how we love one another. Amen.

* **Introit:** "Jesus, Stand Among Us" VU #396, v1

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

All: Let praise to God fill the earth!

One: Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

All: Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!

One: Open your hearts and spirits today.

All: Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN!

* **Hymn:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" MV #30

* **Opening Prayer:**

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together today, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you share with us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

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

Scripture Readings: Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35 Litany

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Never Ending Joy"
performed by Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk

Sermon: "Love as I have Loved" - *Jesus*

* **Hymn:** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" VU #291

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "Go to the World!" VU #420

* **Commissioning:**

One: Jesus gave a new commandment:
to love one another.

All: Because Jesus loves us, we should love one another.

One: Go forth to serve. Go forth to love.

All: We go with God's love and blessing.

* **Benediction**

Choral Amen

Music as We Depart