

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 2, 2019, 11:00 am

7th Sunday in Easter – Ascension

* 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, “That they may be one even as we are one...”

All: We light these candles knowing that within each of us lives God, and through our lives together in God, we all are one.

* Introit: “And On this Path”

MV #8

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: Clap your hands, all you people!

All: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

All: Sing praises to our sovereign Lord!

One: God is sovereign over all the earth!

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

One: Let everything that has breath sing praises.

All: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

* Hymn: “Dance with the Spirit”

MV #156

(*Walk/Move/Sing)

* Prayer of Confession:

One: Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your promise of forgiveness.

All: We have not trusted in you to give the riches we cannot see.

One: We have not honoured our sisters and brothers as heirs of your desired peace.

All: We have not forgiven others or ourselves.

One: Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth,

All: that we may rejoice in the presence of your bounty, to the splendour of your ascended Son. Amen.

* Prayer of Affirmation:

One: May God give you a spirit of wisdom, that the power of Jesus Christ may be visible in your life.

All: By the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and empowered to serve.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children’s Focus

The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn: “Over My Head”

MV #88, vs 1,2,4

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 47

Responsive, Ref 1

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “Think on These Things”

Sermon: **Passages of Life**

* Hymn: “Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives”

MV #6

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

* Offertory: "What Can I Do" MV #191

* Offertory Prayer:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the promise of your abiding presence among us, and for your abundant life within and around us. As we offer our gifts to you, may they be made useful in this world, and may your presence be known among all people. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

Call to Give Thanks:

One: May God be with us.

All: God is here among us.

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,
who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way,
sharing our joy and sorrow,
healing the sick,
feeding the hungry,
and setting the captive free.
So it is that we join the song of all creation to
proclaim your goodness:

**All: Holy, holy, holy God,
power of life and love!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna through the ages!
Blest is the One who comes
to bring your justice to earth!**

One: Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

**All: he shared food with followers and friends,
with saints and sinners, rich and poor,
and a few friends in an upper room.**

One: On the night before he died,
he had supper with his companions.
He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks,
he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

All: "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,
he passed it among them, saying:

All: "Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

All: In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

Prayer for Transformation

Sharing the Bread and Cup

** All are welcome to God's table to participate in the Eucharist **

Prayer After Communion: (All)

All: For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark on us that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.

One: On our hearts and on our house.

All: The blessing of God.

One: In our coming and our going.

All: The peace of God.

One: In our life and our believing,

All: The love of God. Amen.

Departing

* **Hymn:** "There's a Spirit in the Air" VU #582
vs.1,3,5,7

* **Commissioning:**

One: Go forth with the spirit of wisdom and hope,

All: with eyes enlightened and minds awoken by the life of Christ.

One: Be on the ready to greet and welcome all you meet,

All: and be strengthened when goodbyes are necessary.

One: Be assured that wherever you go, Christ is with you.

All: Be kind to all who are sent our way.

* **Benediction**

Choral Amen

Music as We Depart