

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 21, 2019, 9:30 am

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Clergy Enters**

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

One: As we light this Christ candle, we light a symbol of the presence of Jesus Christ.

All: As we light this candle, we remember Jesus' command that we should love one another.

One: Love calls us together and brings us to worship.

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

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

One: Jesus gives us a new commandment to love one another.

All: Jesus, you know this is not an easy commandment.

One: Jesus commands us to love one another.

All: Jesus, teach us how to love someone that we really don't even like very much.

One: Jesus not only commands us to love, but Jesus shows us how to love.

All: Jesus, we have come to hear your word for us, teach us how to love.

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

*** Opening Prayer:**

Loving God, touch our lives with your love and make us disciples. Help us learn to love each other, and to love you. Teach us new attitudes so we will work for your Kingdom and live together as your children. Amen.

Listening

Time for All Ages

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

Scriptures: Psalm 148, VU p. 871
John 13:31-35

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Eleventh Commandment

*** Hymn:** "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" VU #574

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Thank you, gracious God, for claiming us as your children. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings for the new world you are creating among us – a world where love rules. May your love be seen in everything we say and do. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" VU #512

*** Commissioning:**

One: Go out as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The world will recognize you by your love.

All: Love created us and love makes us whole.

We grow when we share your love.

One: God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

God's love is with us, wherever we go.

All: We remember Jesus' command, "Love one another."

We will take God's love to all we meet.

*** Benediction**

Music as We Depart