

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 29, 2019, 11:00 am

16th Sunday after Pentecost

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: We are a people of light.

All: We are called to bring light into all the shadowed places of living.

One: We light this candle, remembering that Jesus is the light of the world.

All: Let the light of these candles help us know God's love is with us always. Amen.

* **Introit:** "God Is Here" VU #389, v1

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: Praise the Lord, it's Sunday!

All: Praise the Lord, we're here!

One: Praise the Lord, in this place, at this time.

All: This is the day the Lord has made.

One: We are the people the Lord has made.

All: And we are made to worship.

One: Let's worship with strength on this fine day!

* **Hymn:** "This is the Day that God Has Made" VU #175

* **Opening Prayer:**

One: Watchful God, we lay at the gates,

**All: some of us hungering for crumbs of mercy,
some of us covered with the sores of life,
all of us longing for the cool touch of your peace.**

One: Make your presence known to us, cross over into our hearts, into our minds,

**All: into the deepest parts of our being,
that nothing be fixed between us and you. Amen.**

Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

Listening

Children's Focus – Prayer Shawl Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" MV #138

Scriptures: Psalm 91 (responsive) VU #807
Luke 16:19–31

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Sermon: Bridging the Chasm

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

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** “When Hands Reach Out MV #136, v5
 and Fingers Trace”

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Thank you, God, for this opportunity to express our love to others through the gifts we bring to support and encourage your work in near and distant places. Make our hearts glad that we can help to heal humanity’s pain, for we bring them to you with grateful hearts. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

*** Commissioning:**

One: Take the gifts of God into the world...

All: to build a new heaven, a new earth.

One: Let everyone you meet know that the gates are open.

All: Jesus has opened the gates for us to come home to God.

*** Benediction**

Blessing: (All) “Go With the Spirit” MV #156

Music as We Depart