

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 26, 2020, 11:00 am

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Clergy & Choir Enter**

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

One: The light of understanding, the light of compassion, the light of community...

All: are all found in the light that shines out from this outreach candle.

One: Let the light of our Christ Candle illumine our lives, our worship, and our way forward...

All: as we gather today as God's people.

*** 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: What is it we're looking for?

All: We come seeking real meaning in life.

One: Is it here that you expect to find it?

All: We expect to find it everywhere!

One: That's good – you've found it then?

All: Well, we find it when we truly seek.

One: Who are you to be seeking such meaning in life?

All: We are God's beloved children, blessed by our brother, Jesus.

One: Well then, people of God, know that no matter who you are...

All: we can come seeking new life.

One: And no matter where you come from—

All: we are here seeking worship.

One: All are welcome here. Let us worship together.

*** Hymn:** "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU #563

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory.

All: We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us.

One: Open our eyes to the light of your dawn,

All: that our souls may be flooded with love, mercy and joy.

One: Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort, peace and security, that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence.

All: Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Simon, Simon, a Fisherman" VU #597

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:1–4
Matthew 4:12–23

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Sermon: Routine Faith

*** Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU #567

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

*** Offertory Prayer:**

With hearts of praise, O God, we dedicate to you these gifts from our lives and work. Use them, as you use us, to the fulfilling of your goal for creation, that we might give thanks to you not only in the hearing, but in the living out of your word.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" MV #212

*** Commissioning:**

One: As we journey along the Epiphany road with Jesus,

All: may we reach out to each other in love and support.

One: As we join the disciples in our pledge to follow Jesus,

All: may we find the grace of God in each person, each place, and each moment of our lives.

*** Benediction**

Choral Amen

Music as We Depart