

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 23, 2020, 11:00 am

### Transfiguration Sunday

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

**Music as We Gather**

#### Gathering

**\* Clergy & Choir Enter**

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

One: Jesus' face shone like the sun.

**All: Let this Candle be a light to our mountain moments.**

One: And Jesus' clothes became dazzling white.

**All: Let the light of our Peace Candle bring a sense of 'awe' and wonder into this time and place.**

**\* 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: Be still, for the presence of the Holy One is here.

*Left: We come together and find that this is holy ground.*

One: Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

*Right: We stand on this holy ground, renewed by awe.*

One: Be still, for surely God is moving in this place.

**All: We stand on this holy ground, waiting, listening, watching, hoping.**

One: Be still and know that God is here. Come, let us worship.

**\* Hymn:** "Let's Build a House" MV #1

**\* Opening Prayer:**

One: Holy One, Light of light, God of all creation,

**All: long ago you came to the disciples in the brilliance of Jesus' mountaintop gathering...**

One: his face glowing like the sun off the bay on a bright, spring morning.

**All: Shine in us, around us, and through us,**

One: that the world may see your divine aura in the faces of your people...

**All: faces transfigured in the light of your love. Amen.**

#### Listening

**Minute for Mission**

**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

**Children's Focus**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\* Hymn:** "I Can Feel You Near Me God" MV #48

**Scripture Readings:** Exodus 24:12-18  
Matthew 17:1-9

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** "Reflections on *Beach Spring*"  
Performed by the OV-Chimes

**Sermon:** **It's Good to be Here**

**\* Hymn:** "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" VU #103

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

\* **Offertory:**            “When We Are Living”            VU #581, v2

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**Generous God, it is through the vision of a greater world you have given us that we have this ministry of our talents and treasure, a ministry of our passion, enthusiasm, and purpose. Strengthen our hearts for service, and accept the grateful offerings we lay before you today. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

\* **Hymn:**            “Water Flowing from the Mountains”            MV #87

\* **Commissioning:**

One: Come down from the mountain with mountain-like faith.

**All: We will walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights,**

One: to live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love.

**All: Let us go to the world transformed and renewed!**

\* **Benediction**

### **Choral Amen**

### **Music as We Depart**