

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 18, 2021, 10:00 am

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Hymn: “O Let the Power Fall on Me” MV #13

O let the power fall on me, My Lord,
Let the power fall on me;
O let the power from heaven fall on me,
Let the power fall on me.

For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
We want justice and truth and love;
For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
We want justice and truth and love.

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous Peoples

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Call to Worship:

Welcome into this house of the Holy.

We come after a week of caring for others.

This can be a time of caring for ourselves...

And a time just to be...

knowing we are in God's presence here...

As we are always in God's good company.

In the peace that passes all understanding,

We seek to know God's wisdom and mercy.

Let us enter God's rhythm of life in worship.

Hymn:

"Morning has Broken"

VU #409

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:8-13
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: **Guilty Pleasure**

Hymn "Like a Healing Stream" MV #144

Like a healing stream
In a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing
Life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives
As in a dream unfolding,
Promising revival and rebirth...
Like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain
On a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come
To nourish tiny seed,

God is bubbling through the soil
To coax a new creation,
Yearning for an end to want and need...
Like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong
With a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on
To distant shore,
God is carving out a channel
In a new direction,
Calling for an end to hate and war...
Like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea
Reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love
Both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts
To shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea,
Like a river strong,
Like a gentle rain,
Like a healing stream.

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

"I Feel the Winds of God Today"

VU #625

I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift.

Commissioning:

Benediction:

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**