

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 17, 2022, 10:00 am

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

At the first light of dawn, the women went to the tomb.

Are not our hearts burning within us?

And there they found...nothing?

Are not our hearts lighted with fire?!

An empty tomb! The grave-clothes lying on the ground!

Where is Jesus?!

(Christ Candle is lit)

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed!

Alleluia! Amen!

*** Introit:** "This is the Day"

MV #122

This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!

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Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!
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Recognition of the Land

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Joy is in the air! Christ is risen!

We will not find Jesus in the tomb. He is risen!

Where shall we look?

How will we recognize the risen Christ?

Look to your neighbours and the strangers on the street. There, we will find the risen Christ.

Alleluia!

On this glorious Easter morning we proclaim

Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

* **Hymn:** "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks" VU #179

Refrain:

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Give thanks to the risen Christ;

hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give praise to God's name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation. **R**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. **R**

We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live for ever. **R**

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "I Can Feel You Near Me God"

MV #48

I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
I feel you here
I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
Heaven is here.

Refrain:

*And I'll jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.*

I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
Always everywhere
I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
I know you're there. **R**

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Isaiah 65:17-25
John 20:1-18

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

Anthem: **Risen Indeed**
Offered by OVUC Choir

Sermon: Sunday's Here!

*** Hymn:** “Joy Comes with the Dawn” VU #166

Celebrating

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” VU #155

*** Commissioning and Benediction**
Go, with the Easter joy deep within your hearts.

Thanks be to God!

Go, with the Easter songs singing on your lips.

Thanks be to God!

Go, with the hopeful message of Easter clear in your minds.

Thanks be to God!

Go, certain that in time and beyond time,

Hallelujah!

God's love is with you and will never leave you.

AMEN!