

# 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

#### 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

#### Opening Prayer

#### Listening

#### Children's Time / Time for all Ages

#### The Lord's Prayer

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

#### 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!**