

**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, May 15th, 2022, 10:00 am**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## **International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia**

**Music as We Gather**

### **Gathering**

**The lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles**

**Introit:** "Breathe on me, Breath of God" VU#382 vs.1

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

### **Recognition of the Land**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **Call to Worship:**

Our God is a god of resurrection. Of new life after devastation. Of hope in the grip of evil. And so we dare to proclaim, with pride and faith, our truths:

**We believe in the power of love.**

**We believe in solidarity with the suffering.**

**We believe we are each valuable.**

**We believe that our togetherness is transformative.**

The world is longing for Holy truths that reveal, voices that speak real words of hope.

**Come out, people of God!**

**Hymn:**

“Though I May Speak”

VU #372

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

**Opening Prayer**

**Listening**

## Minute for Mission

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

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:** "Go Make a Difference" MV#209

**Refrain:**

*Go make a difference. We can make a difference.*

*Go make a difference in the world.*

*(2 more times)*

We are the salt of the earth,  
called to let the people see  
the love of God for you and me.  
We are the light of the world,  
not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

We are the hands of Christ  
reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ  
will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

**Scriptures:** John 13:31-35

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

**Special Music:** **I Will Be With You**  
*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church*

**Message:** **Love One Another**  
*Pastor Katie Logan*

**Hymn:** "Take, O Take Me as I Am" MV#85

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

## **Celebrating**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn:** "May God's Sheltering Wings" MV#214

May God's sheltering wings,  
**her** gathering wings protect you.  
May God's nurturing arms,  
**her** cradling arms sustain you,

and hold you in **her** love,  
and hold you in **her** love.

### **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!**