

**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday, May 22nd, 2022, 10:00 am

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Music as We Gather**

**Gathering**

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

**Introit:** “Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New” MV#115

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)  
I make all things new  
Beginning with you  
And starting from today.  
Behold (behold,) behold, (behold,)  
I make all things new,  
My promise is true,  
For I am Christ the way.

**Recognition of the Land**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **Call to Worship:**

Creator God, calls to our spirits, welcoming us together.

**We answer the call through love.**

God's Spirit calls us by name, wanting to befriend us.

**God's Spirit calls us to be filled anew.**

Through the risen Christ we come together.

**Together we come to worship.**

**Hymn:** "Creator God You Gave Us Life" MV #27

Creator God you gave us life,  
Your image formed within our souls,  
yet through the mist of time and space,  
we search for that which makes us whole. **R**

### **Refrain:**

Through hands that paint majestic skies,  
and voices chanting melody,  
with words that reach beyond the page,  
we comprehend your mystery.

In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,  
we see your great diversity,  
yet greater still we see your love,  
expressed in our humanity. **R**

When with our hearts, our hands our minds,  
we share our gifts with all the world,  
our spirits soar beyond the veil,  
to touch the very face of God. **R**

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Listening**

**Minute for Mission**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** "Dance with the Spirit" MV#156

Dance with the Spirit  
Early in the mornin',  
Walk with the Spirit  
Throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for  
The new life a-bornin',  
Listen to the Spirit  
To show you the way.

**Scriptures:** Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

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

**Special Music:** **Furaha**  
*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir,  
Andy Kavanagh, Wayne MacDonald*

**Message:** **Until Then** *Rev. Don Sellsted*

**Hymn:** "Deep in Our Hearts"

MV#154

Deep in our hearts  
there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts  
there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts  
there is a common story,  
telling Creation  
that we are one.

Deep in our hearts  
there is a common purpose;  
deep in our hearts  
there is a common goal;  
deep in our hearts  
there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace  
in harmony.

Deep in our hearts  
there is a common longing;  
deep in our hearts  
there is a common theme;  
deep in our hearts  
there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom  
like a stream.

Deep in our hearts  
there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts  
there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts  
there is a common story,  
telling Creation  
that we are one.

## **Celebrating**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn:** "Go Forth for God" VU#418

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

## **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!**