

**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 am

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**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&4

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.

Breathe on me, breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

**Recognition of the Land**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

As Jesus is one in God,

**We are one in God.**

As Christ is in us,

**We are in Christ.**

We are loved by God as Jesus is loved by God.

**We are one people, with love of God and one another.**

Let us worship.

**Hymn:**

**"We Are One"**

**VU #402**

We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast,  
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine  
there's a sense of love divine.

We are one as we come,  
as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing grace  
as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
as we move together from this place.

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Listening**

## **Minute for Mission**

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** "Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope"

MV #33

Jesus came bringing us hope  
Jesus came bringing us hope,  
Jesus came bringing us hope,  
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us peace  
Jesus came bringing us peace,  
Jesus came bringing us peace,  
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us love  
Jesus came bringing us love,  
Jesus came bringing us love,  
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us joy  
Jesus came bringing us joy,  
Jesus came bringing us joy,  
hallelujah forever more!

**Scriptures:** Acts 16:16–34 *Paul and Silas are freed from prison*  
John 17:20–26 *Jesus prays that they all may be one*

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

**Special Music:** **Benediction**  
*Offered by Cynthia Bruce and Ken Hassell*

**Message:** **Perfectly One**  
Rev. Don Sellsted

**Hymn:** “Water Flowing from the Mountains” MV #87

Water flowing from the mountains.  
Water flowing o’er the earth.  
Water comes to us, so precious.  
Living water gives us birth.

**Refrain:**

Drink deep this source of life.  
Drink deep and know.  
For living water sings, and living water brings.  
The love that makes our spirit grow.

Water rushing down the rivers.

Water rushing to the sea.

Water comes to us, so precious.

Living water makes us free. **R**

Water springing from the dry place.

Water springing in the sun.

Water comes to us, so precious.

Living water for each one. **R**

## **Celebrating**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn:** "Go to the World!"

VU #420

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;

the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

for I am with you 'til the age shall end,

when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## **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!**