

**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 am  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Music as We Gather**

**Gathering**

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

**\* Introit:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" VU #220 vs.1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;  
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and  
salvation.

Come, all who hear:  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

**Recognition of the Land**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

Jesus comes to us this day. Are you ready?

**We are ready!**

Jesus comes in our ministries. Are you ready?

**We are ready!**

Jesus comes in our challenges and our joy. Are you ready?

**We are ready!**

Jesus is here in our worship. Are you ready?

**We are ready! Let us worship!**

\* **Hymn:**        “This Is God’s Wondrous World”        VU #296

This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world:

why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

## Opening Prayer

## Listening

## Children's Time / Time for all Ages

## The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" MV #30

It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the thrush sings high in the tree.  
It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the gray whale sings in the sea.

### **Refrain:**

*And by the Spirit you and I  
can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

It's a call of life to the Giver,  
when waves and waterfalls roar,  
it's a call of life to the Giver,  
when high tides break on the shore. **R**

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the bumblebees hum-a-long.  
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the summer breeze joins the song. **R**

It's the chorus of all creation;  
it's sung by all living things,  
it's the chorus of all creation;  
a song the universe sings. **R**

**Scriptures:**

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 *Faith is the assurance of things hoped for*  
Luke 12:32–40 *Be ready; be dressed for action*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:**

**A Believer's Prayer**

*Offered by Mary McFarlane and Cupido Daniels*

**Message:**

Finding the Candle

**\* Hymn:**

“Called By Earth and Sky”

MV #135

**Refrain:**

Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas  
deep ocean's dream, waters of healing,  
rivers of rain, the wash of love again. **R**

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;  
Wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,  
Blow through this place, our gathering and our grace. **R**

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;  
vast fragile land. Seeds of our wakening,  
rooted and strong, creation's faithful song. **R**

Precious the fire that lights our way,  
bright dawning day. Fire of passion,  
sorrows undone, our faith and justice one. **R**

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

**\* Offertory:**                    "When We Are Living"                    VU #581, v2

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

**Receive, O God, these fruits of the earth and the  
products of our labours, which we offer to you. Accept  
them, we pray, through Jesus, our Christ. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:**                    "Will You Come and Follow Me"                    VU #567

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

**\* 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!**