

**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 am  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Music as We Gather**

**Gathering**

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

**\* Introit:** "Spirit of Life" VU #381

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

**Recognition of the Land**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."  
**Love is more powerful than fear, more optimistic  
that despair, mightier than hate.**

Let us pour out all the love God has showered upon us  
with all of creation.

**Help us to witness to your love by how we are  
loving, hopeful and optimistic.**

Remind us that we are called to be your disciples.

**Heal our hearts and spirits as we come together  
now in worship. Amen.**

\* **Hymn:**           “Come In, Come In and Sit Down”       VU #395

**Refrain**

*Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.*

You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family. **R**

God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
for we are a part of the family. **R**

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family. **R**

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we are a part of the family. **R**

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Listening**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**\* Hymn:**                    "O Jesus, I Have Promised"                    VU #120

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain for ever near me,  
my Saviour and my friend:  
I shall not fear the journey  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer  
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
now speak, and make me listen,  
O guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you,  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Saviour and my friend.

**Scriptures:**

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16      *Instructions on living mutual love*  
Luke 14:1, 7–14      *Those who exalt themselves will be humbled*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music: There IS a Balm in Gilead**

*Offered by Cupido Daniels*

**Message:**                      I'm a Big Kid Now!

**\* Hymn:** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"

MV #150

Spirit God: be our breath,  
be our song. Blow through us,  
bringing strength to move on.  
Our world seems inward,  
defensive, withdrawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.

Patient God: soothe our pride,  
calm our fear. Comfort us.  
When we know you are near  
we grow more certain  
our vision is clear.  
Patient God, calm our fear.

Loving God: be our voice,  
be our prayer. Reaching out,  
joining hands as we share,  
we seek your guidance through  
friendship and care.  
Loving God, be our prayer.

Spirit God: be our breath,  
be our song. Blow through us,  
bringing strength to move on.  
Through change, through challenge,  
we'll greet the new dawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

**\* Offertory:** "What Can I Do?" MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.  
(Repeat x1)

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

**We bring our gifts to you and offer them as symbol of commitment and service. We seek to share the story of love that fulfills and conquers all things. Bless these gifts and all who give; use our treasure, our time, our abilities for the good of all people and creation. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:** "I Come With Joy" VU #477

I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

**\* 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!**