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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 4th, 2022, 10:00 am

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

The lighting of the Outreach, Unity, and Christ Candles

*** Introit:** "Spirit of the Living God" VU #376

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Recognition of the Land

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

God, like a potter, shapes our lives.
God shapes us for the good of creation.

God forms us to be vessels of compassion and service.

God endlessly transforms us in witness to love.

Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

**Let us continue to be transformed in worship
today. AMEN.**

*** Hymn:**

“This is the Day”

VU #412

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.

You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Oh a Song Must Rise" MV #142

Refrain:

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
(descend).*

From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again. (again)
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

Scriptures:

Jeremiah 18:1-11

God is the potter; we are the clay

Luke 14:25-33

You must give up your possessions

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: Open the Eyes of My Heart

Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: Pottery - the Essence of Faith

Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:** "Spirit Dancing" VU #388 vs.1,2,5,6

Spirit dancing on the waters,
Sun reflecting song of grace
Calling life to all the creatures,
Giving life to human race.

Spirit dancing on the waters,
Naming moment they should part,
Giving freedom to the peoples,
Signed for all in dancer's art.

Spirit dancing on the waters,
Give your people their new birth,
Healing, loving one another
In community with earth.

Spirit dancing on the waters,
We would come and dance with you
'til our world is filled with music
And in Christ all things are new.

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:**

**God, our Potter, we give these offerings in gratitude,
rejoicing in the varied gifts granted to us. We give
these offerings in faith and in hope, knowing you can
use them to spread your love in this world. With these
offerings we give ourselves; may we live with
generous hearts, open hands, and a servant's towel.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “May the God of Hope Go with Us” VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

*Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

*** 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!**