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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 am

### 14<sup>th</sup> 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

Recognition of the Land

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship:

In the beginning, when all was unclear, God said,

**"Let there be light!"**

And God provided us a world of beauty and abundance.

**And creation was wonderful to behold.**

in the brightness of the day,

in the sparkling of the night—

**the fires of creation burn in our hearts...**

and directs our gaze to God who seeks the lost.

**With the light in our eyes and love in our hearts—**

let us worship God!

\*Hymn: "Amazing Grace" VU #266

Opening Prayer

#### Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

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

Scriptures:

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 23–28 *The land shall be desolation; the earth shall mourn*

Luke 15:1–10 *The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: **The Blue Green Hills of Earth**

*Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

Message: **Hope in the World**

*Rev. Don Sellsted*

\* Hymn: "Touch the Earth Lightly" VU #307

#### Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

Offertory Prayer:

**Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help our community and throughout the world.**

**As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

\* **Hymn:** "Let All Things Now Living" VU #242

## 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!**