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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

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:**

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

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
this word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

## **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

Creator God you gave us life,  
Your image formed within our souls,  
yet through the mist of time and space,  
we search for that which makes us whole.

### **Refrain:**

Through hands that paint majestic skies,  
and voices chanting melody,  
with words that reach beyond the page,  
we comprehend your mystery.

In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,  
we see your great diversity,  
yet greater still we see your love,  
expressed in our humanity. **R**

When with our hearts, our hands our minds,  
we share our gifts with all the world,  
our spirits soar beyond the veil,  
to touch the very face of God. **R**

**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**

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster clouds of disaster,  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently and making us one.

## **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:**

**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

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise:  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

\* **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!**