



**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 am

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Orange T-Shirt Day**

**Music as We Gather**

### **Gathering**

**The lighting of the 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:**

Our souls long for you, O God. By day, Eternal One, you  
proclaim steadfast love,

**and at night your song sounds within each one of us.**

Creator, send out your light and your truth; let them  
lead us;

**let them bring us to your holy dwelling.**

We approach your altar, God, to worship you, the author  
of our joy;

**we praise you, O God, our Creator.**

**\* Hymn:**                      "Draw the Circle Wide"                      MV #145

### **Refrain:**

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.*

*Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms. **R**

Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call. **R**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door. **R**

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Listening**

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

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

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against  
us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the  
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**\* Hymn:** "Go Make a Difference" MV #209

### **Refrain:**

*Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
(2 more times)*

We are the salt of the earth,  
called to let the people see  
the love of God for you and me.  
We are the light of the world,  
not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

We are the hands of Christ  
reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ  
will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

### **Minute for Mission**

#### **Scripture:**

Mark 10:13-16

Psalm 145

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem: Teach Me, Lord**

*Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message: Every Child Matters and we are all  
Children of God**

*Bev Thompson*

**\* Hymn:** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” VU #400

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

## **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:** “Here I am, Lord” VU #509

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **R**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? **R**

**\* Closing Prayer** *Today I will Celebrate all of Creation*  
*by Dawn Lehtosseranon*

**\* 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!**