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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, October 09, 2022, 10:00 am
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** "There is Room for All" MV #62 x2
There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom
I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

Call to Action #1:

Welcome and Announcements

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

Fundraising and Facility Update

Call to Worship:

On this Happy Thanksgiving we come into this space...
**and celebrate the abundance of God's blessings
upon us all.**

When the leaves begin to turn colour and fall...
when the temperature cools and days shorten...
we are witness to creation's cycle of life as God's gift...
and we rejoice in its wonder.

On this beautiful morning, let us worship the One who
shows us the Way of generous and self-giving love.

* **Hymn:** "My Lord, What a Morning" VU #708

*My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning
when the stars begin to fall.*

You'll hear the trumpet sound
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. **R**

You'll hear the sinner cry
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. **R**

You'll hear the Christian shout
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "We Praise You, O God" VU #218

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Minute for Mission

Scripture:

Philippians 4:4-9 *The peace of God, which passes all understanding*
John 6:25-35 *Give us the bread from heaven for eternal life*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **For the Glory of the Lord**
Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **Foreigner and a Child of God**
Rev Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:** “**For the Fruit of All Creation**” VU #227

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** We Give Thee but Thine Own VU #543 vs.1

We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Lord, your steadfast love never ceases; your mercies never come to an end. As we remember the blessings in our lives, we offer our gifts that through them your compassion may be known. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "Make a Joyful Noise" VU #820

Refrain:

*Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!*

Know that your God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song! **R**

Enter these gates, thanks giving.
Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.
Worship your God with a song! **R**

Ages through endless ages,
seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song! **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!**