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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, October 16, 2022, 10:00 am
ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
19th 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 #2:

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

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,

Looking forward to see our path ahead.

We honour those who have gone before us,

Learning and growing from each experience.

We celebrate who we are today,

**welcoming the possibilities and opportunities
before us.**

And so, we gather to worship God,

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

*** Hymn:** “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” VU #315

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and
sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

* The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "Spirit, Open My Heart"

MV #79

Refrain:

*Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. **R**

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. **R**

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. **R**

TRC Call to Action

Scripture:

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

People with itching ears will turn away from the truth

Luke 18:1-8

The parable of the widow and the unjust judge

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Take My Life and Let it Be

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: Just Keep Swimming

Rev Don Sellsted

*** Hymn: “Praise God for This Holy Ground” MV #42**

Praise God for this holy ground,
place and people, sight and sound.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God’s goodness is eternal.

Praise God in whose word we find
food for body, soul and mind.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God’s goodness is eternal.

Praise God who through Christ makes known
all are loved and called God's own.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

Praise God's Spirit who befriends,
raises, humbles, breaks and mends.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

Though praise ends, praise is begun
where God's will is gladly done.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

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:** “One More Step Along the World I Go” VU #639

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you

Refrain:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me: **R**

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know: **R**

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you: **R**

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you: **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!**