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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 23, 2022, 10:00 am

PEACE SUNDAY

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** "Touch Me, God's Spirit" x2
Touch me, God's Spirit eternal. Touch me, resplendent Light
Give my life new meaning, show me the true and right.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

Call to Action #3:

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

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

God gives us hope...
when all seems hopeless.
God brings us peace...
when our souls are restless.
God brings us joy...

when all seems lost.

God brings us love...

when we feel most alone.

God brings us Jesus...

when we need God's presence.

Come, let us worship our wondrous God!

*** Hymn:** "Holy Spirit, Hear Us"

VU #377

Holy Spirit, hear us,
help us while we sing;
breathe into the music
of the praise we bring.

Holy Spirit, shine now
on the book we read;
light its holy pages
with the truth we need.

Holy Spirit, prompt us
when we bow to pray;
speak within and teach us
what we ought to say.

Holy Spirit, help us
daily by your might,
what is wrong to conquer,
and to choose the right.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Leader: Every one of these shawls has been crafted with love. We're going to add our love and our prayers, as we send them on to people who need them. When we say, "HALLELUJAH," please call out your own "HALLELUJAH" and put as much of a hug as you can into the shawl! Let's try that now:
HALLELUJAH!

Leader: God of Love...Let this shawl be...

One: a warm hug on a cool day! HALLELUJAH!

Leader: Let this shawl be...

Two: softer than a kitten's fur! HALLELUJAH!

Leader: Let this shawl be...

**Three: as light as a feather, blowing in the wind.
HALLELUJAH!**

Leader: Let this shawl be...

Four: a sign of your love, HALLELUJAH!

Leader: a sign of our love,

Five: a sign of Jesus' love, HALLELUJAH!

Leader: to wrap around shoulders,

**Six: to lay upon laps and to fill many hearts.
HALLELUJAH!**

Leader: HALLELUJAH!

All: HALLELUJAH!

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

* The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "I've Got Peace Like a River" VU #577

I've got peace like a river (x3) in-a my soul.

I've got peace like a river (x3) in-a my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain (x3) in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain (x3) in-a my soul.

I've got love like an ocean (x3) in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean (x3) in-a my soul.

TRC Call to Action

Scripture:

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race

Luke 18:9-14

The Pharisee and the tax collector go to pray

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

We Are Called

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message:

How to be a Sinner

Rev Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

VU #288

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy
faithfulness!**

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

**all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **R**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **R**

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. We offer our gifts of
understanding, compassion, and acceptance to one
another, along with our offerings of time, talent, and
treasure, to the joy and healing of our world. Amen.**

*** Hymn:** “Water Flowing from the Mountains MV #87

Water flowing from the mountains.

Water flowing o’er the earth.

Water comes to us, so precious.

Living water gives us birth.

Refrain:

Drink deep this source of life.

Drink deep and know.

For living water sings, and living water brings

The love that makes our spirit grow.

Water rushing down the rivers.

Water rushing to the sea.

Water comes to us, so precious.

Living water makes us free. **R**

Water springing from the dry place.

Water springing in the sun.

Water comes to us, so precious.

Living water for each one. **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!**