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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, October 30, 2022, 10:00 am
REFORMATION SUNDAY
21st 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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

Call to Action #4:

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

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

Come, let us praise God...
who came to seek the lost!
Let us give thanks to God...
who came to find each of us!
Let us welcome God...

into our homes, our hearts, and our lives.
Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God...
with love and faith for all.
Come, let us worship.

* **Hymn:** “New Every Morning” VU #405

New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life, and power, and thought.

New mercies each returning day
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still of countless price
God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O God, in your dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

*** The Lord's Prayer**

*** Hymn:** "Sing a Happy Hallelujah"

VU #224

Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.

Refrain:

*Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!*

We're the proof of God's good humour,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly. **R**

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,
so is life for us enhanced. **R**

Every day sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word! **R**

TRC Call to Action

Scripture:

Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:2-4

How long will it be until God acts?

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus dines with Zacchaeus

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **Send Down Your Spirit Lord** *[Price/Besig]*
 Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **Seeing and Changing**
 Rev Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” VU #371

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. **R**

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share. **R**

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

VU #541 vs.1

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Generous God, you call us to be a witness to our world, asking us to share as we are able. Bless the gifts that we have given this day. As we go from this place, help us to welcome each person knowing you are with us, and within us. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** “Go to the World!” MV #420

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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!**