

Membership Transfer

Statement of Purpose

Presentation:

Clerk of Session: On behalf of the congregation of Orchard Valley United Church, and by approval of the Orchard Valley United Church Council, I present Alison Bogan, Larry Bogan, Kelly Lipton, Mark Lipton, Joyce Robinson, Sherman Robinson, and Wendy Robinson whom we welcome into the membership of this community of faith by transfer of membership.

Commitment of Members:

Minister: Will you join with us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice, and resist evil?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Commitment of Congregation:

Minister: Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to Orchard Valley United Church these persons our support and care.

All: As your siblings in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

Clerk of Session: In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership in Orchard Valley United Church. We give thanks to God for your witness among us. Welcome home!

Blessing:

Minister: The grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you, today and always.

All: Amen.

***Hymn: O Holy Night (following the Play)**

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Chorus

**Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.**

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming;
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand:
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient land,
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;

Chorus

**He knows our need, To our weakness no stranger!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! your King! before him bend!**

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is Love and His gospel is Peace;
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease,

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful Chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his Holy name!

Chorus

Christ is the Lord, then ever! ever praise we!

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