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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 22, 2023, 10:00 am

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** "Serve our God with Joy and Gladness"

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

The light of understanding, the light of compassion, the
light of community...

**are symbolized in the light that shines from this
outreach candle.**

The light of acceptance, to be cherished and loved,
radiates from this Unity Candle...

**And burns within each of us for a world where all
people are united into one human family.**

Let the light of our Christ Candle illumine our lives, our
worship, and our way forward...

as we gather today as God's people.

Recognition of the Land

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Jesus calls fishermen to be his disciples.

We are also called into discipleship.

Jesus' disciples are called into his ministries.

We are also called to be partners in our ministries.

Jesus brings his followers into prayer and worship.

We are called here into worship through word and song.

Let that worship begin now.

*** Hymn:** "Today We All Are Called" VU #507

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make ploughshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
we sow not peace but strife,
our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Simon, Simon, a fisherman"

VU #597

Simon, Simon, a fisherman was he,
Simon, Simon, lived beside the sea,
until the day when Jesus came
and calling Simon by his name, said
'Simon, Simon, follow, follow me.'

Simon's younger brother Andrew, loyal, brave and true,
Simon's younger brother Andrew followed Jesus too.
They left their ship beside the sea,
to follow and disciples be, when
Jesus calling them by name, said, 'Follow, follow me.'

Mary loved to listen, Martha liked to do.
Both were friends of Jesus, just like me and you.
No matter what our different ways
we all can help when Jesus says,
'Mary, Martha, follow, follow me.'

Dorcas followed Jesus too, sharing what she had.
Dorcas cared for neighbour folk, making others glad.
And we can share with gift and deed
as Jesus shared with those in need.
'Dorcas, Dorcas, follow, follow me.'

You can be like Dorcas, and follow Jesus too.
You can be like Andrew, friendly, brave and true.
Big and strong or small and shy,
we can follow if we try, when
Jesus calling us by name says, 'Follow, follow me.'

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Overcome divisions and find unity

Matthew 4:12–23

Jesus begins his ministry

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **Go Out and Serve God** *by Price and Besig*
 Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **Fish? Yuck!** *Rev Don Sellsted*

*** Hymn:** “There's a Spirit in the Air” VU #582

There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world

May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay,
live tomorrow's life today.

There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** “When We Are Living” VU #581 v.2

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

**With hearts of praise, O God, we dedicate to you these
gifts from our lives and work. Use them and us, to the
fulfilling of your goal for creation, that we might give
thanks to you not only in the hearing, but in the living
out of your word. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “All the Way My Saviour Leads Me” VU #635

All the way my Saviour leads me;

what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'

*** 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!**

***Hymn:**

“Amen”

VU #967

Postlude