



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 29th, 2023, 10:00 am
4th Sunday after Epiphany

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity Christ Candles

We gather as people open to Jesus' signs to care for all.

**We light the Outreach Candle to reflect your
goodness and spirit amongst us.**

We gather as a people open and accepting, to cherish and
love in our great diversity and unity.

**We light a Candle of Unity, burning within each of
us for a world where all people are united into one
family.**

We gather as a people open to Christ' teachings.

**We light the Christ Candle to remind us of Jesus'
promise to rejoice and be glad in a life of faith.**

Recognition of the Land

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

TRC Call to Action

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Come and hear the good news.

God's blessing and love is with us.

Listen to what God wants us to do,

live lives of justice, love, and truth.

Come for courage and strength,

to be fools for Christ,

We're here, ready to worship, and open to change.

It's a blessing to be together and touched by love.

Come, let us worship.

*Hymn: "Love Is the Touch"

MV #89

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages:

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: "When Hands Reach Out"

MV #136

TRC Call to Action

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 *God's foolishness better than human wisdom*
Matthew 5:1-12 *Blessed are the poor in spirit*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

Walk in Love

Burroughs

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message:

Us Lovable Fools

Rev Don Sellsted

* Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

VU #626

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* Offertory: "When We Are Living"

VU #581 v.2

Offertory Prayer:

Holy God, we thank you for your great generosity. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from you. Help us to serve one another and so reflect your spirit and goodness. Accept these offerings. May their purpose prosper under your guidance. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" VU # 575

*** 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