



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 5th, 2023, 10:00 am

5th 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' words of caring for all.

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

We gather as people who cherish and love our great
diversity of life.

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

We gather as people open to follow Christ' way.

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

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:

We are the salt of the earth.

Is it good to be salt?

Salt is soothing to an aching world.

Salt brings out God's flavours.

Salt is essential to life.

We are essential to the life God promises.

So yes, we are the salt of the earth!

**With the Spirit opening our hearts, minds and all
our senses, let us worship.**

*Hymn: "Spirit, Open My Heart"

MV #79

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages:

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: "Dance With the Spirit"

MV #156

TRC Call to Action

Scripture:

Isaiah 58:1-9a

The fast that God chooses

Matthew 5:13-20

You are salt; you are light

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

Let It Shine

Besig & Price

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message:

Salted Popcorn

Rev Don Sellsted

* Hymn: "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

MV #173

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

VU #541

Offertory Prayer:

We offer ourselves to you, O God, through these gifts of our lives. May they make a difference in this world, bringing light and life to the troubled places of our world. Fill us with your Spirit, that our lives may also bear the light of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" VU # 375

*** 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