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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 12, 2023, 10:00 am

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** “Serve our God with Joy and Gladness”

**Serve our God with joy and gladness;
Come into God’s gates with song;
Serve our God with loving kindness;
And praise God all day long.**

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and 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

TRC Call to Action #8

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

God's ways seem too impossible.

Are you called to be Jesus' hands and feet?

Yes we are, caring for others gives us joy.

Are you called to carry the servants towel?

Yes we are, to serve others is a gift.

Are you called to be a loving community?

Yes we are, strengthened by living our faith as one body.

Happy are you, for you are walking in God's ways. Let us walk with God now as we worship.

* **Hymn:** "Walk with Me"

VU #649

Refrain:

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

When Moses heard the call of God
he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'
But God told Moses, 'You're the one
to set my people free.' **R**

Now Peter was a most unlikely
man to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness
and he became the Rock. **R**

Young Mary Magdalene was sure
her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to let
God's love unlock the door. **R**

And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you. **R**

Opening Prayer

Holy Communion

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

VU #585

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:

Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

TRC Call to Action

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Not ready for solid food

Matthew 5:21-37

Teachings on anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: Think of Me and Remember *by J. Rainey*

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: Getting to 'Yes' *Rev Don Sellsted*

*** Hymn:** "We Have This Ministry" *VU #510*

We have this ministry
and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power
that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word,
speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world
may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.

O Christ, the tree of life,
our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower
when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,
called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts,
the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

The yoke of Christ is ours,
the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross,
the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve,
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,
we die and rise again.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
VU #541

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:**

We offer ourselves to you, O God, through these gifts and through our lives. Help us to see beyond the world's surface, building warm and loving and respectful relationships with all of God's children. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "How Great Thou Art" VU #238

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **R**

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. **R**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!' **R**

*** 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 of Benediction: Go In Love**

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Postlude