



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 am

### Black History Month

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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:**

Now is a great time to gather on this holy ground.

**Let's stay right here in this moment.**

It's hard to let go of some moments.

**And yet, we know there is more to do.**

Our church was born out of our diverse history.

**From that birth, we learn what God has in store for us.**

Only if we cherish the moment...

**and continue the journey.**

People of the Way, let God touch our heart as we worship.

\* **Hymn:** "Come Touch Our Hearts"

MV #12

Opening Prayer

#### Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages:

The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

VU #103 vs. 1-3,5

TRC Call to Action #8

Scripture:

Exodus 24:12-18

*God calls Moses up the mountain.*

Matthew 17:1-9

*Jesus transfigured on the mountain.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

**The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte

*Offered by Johann Botha and Lisa Saint Claire*

Message:

**Out of the Forest**

Rev Don Sellsted

\* **Hymn:**

"Let All Things Now Living"

VU #242

#### 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 and through our lives. Help us to see beyond the world's surface, building loving and respectful relationships with all of God's children. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

\* **Hymn:** “We are Marching in the Light of God” VU #646

\* **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** D. Besig  
*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

## Postlude