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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 26th, 2023, 10:00 am

Black History Month

1st Sunday in Lent

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* **Introit:** "Gather Us In" MV #7

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

* **Call to Worship:**

We have begun the first steps on our Lenten pathway.

Can we travel together?

On this journey we will join others on the road.

**It is good to have the strength of the community
with us.**

And on this journey, there will be times we travel alone.

**As we travel this Way of Jesus, we journey
together, but also alone.**

These are the passageways to our faith:

**To love God with all that we are,
to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.**

Reconnecting and strengthening our faith:

Loving Christ's call as stewards on the Way.

* **Hymn:** "My Lord, What a Morning" VU #708

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages:

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Jesus Loves me" VU #365

Minute for Mission

Scripture:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 *The tree of knowledge of good and evil*
Matthew 4:1-11 *The temptation of Jesus*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **Prayer of St. Francis Assisi** W. Sim
Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **Dressed Up for God** *Rev Don Sellsted*

* **Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation" VU #600

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" VU #543

Offertory Prayer:

**We do not live on bread alone, but by your Word, loving
God. May that Word fill our hearts and our hands, all
that we have, and all that we are, that it may be a
blessing in your world. In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

* Litany of Diminishing Light:

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the pain of injustice
in the world.

(the second purple candle is extinguished)

Even as the Christ-light shines, the world tries to hide the light of
Love.

But we will not let our Love be hidden.

* Hymn: "My Life Flows On" VU #716

* 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: The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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Postlude

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~ In loving memory of my husband,

Rev. Ray Francis ~