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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 am

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

#### Music as We Gather

##### Gathering

\* **Introit:** "Gather Us In" M. Haugen

#### 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:

What a gift, that in worship we draw so near to the presence of Christ.

**That presence is alive in our very hands and hearts.**

What a joy, that in this worship, we have such visible reminders of God:

**in Scripture, in songs of faith, in the beauty of God's people together.**

What a strength, that in this place our faith finds a home:

**where God befriends us, and where we befriend one another.**

So, for these reasons, and many more, we give God thanks and praise!

**Come, let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn:** "New Every Morning" VU #405

#### Opening Prayer

#### Listening

#### Children's Time / Time for all Ages:

#### The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "Jesus, Friend of Little Children" VU #340

#### Minute for Mission

#### Scripture:

Psalm 121

*I lift my eyes to the hills.*

John 3:1-17

*Nicodemus learns that "God so loved the world".*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Anthem:

**Lift Thine Eyes**

Mendlessohn

*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

#### Message:

**Born Again, and Again...** Rev Don Sellsted

\* **Hymn:** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath" MV #150

#### Celebrating

#### Offering of Our Gifts

\* **Offertory:** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" VU #543 vs.1

#### Offertory Prayer:

**God of all creation, we know that all that we have, all that we are, is blessed and blessing. In this sharing, we add our blessing to yours. May all of these blessings bring hope and healing to your world. Amen.**

#### Prayers of the People

#### \* Litany of Diminishing Light:

As we continue our Lenten journey, we see more of Jesus' life...

*(the third 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:**            "I Feel the Winds of God Today"        VU #625

\* **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:**    Amen                            VU #967  
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**Postlude**