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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 am

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

#### Music as We Gather

##### Gathering

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

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

God is love, and where God is, there is love.  
There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear.  
It is love that unites our hearts and minds.  
Let us celebrate the wonderful love that God has for all  
creation.

#### Recognition of the Land

#### Call to Action #10

#### Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

#### \* Call to Worship:

Our lives may feel disjointed like a valley of dry bones...  
**but the Spirit of God brings connection and  
stability to our lives.**  
The Spirit of God breathes hope into each of us...  
**and challenges us to be people of faith.**  
God open's our hearts and bring us light...  
**breaking us free from doubt and fear.**

In this place, on this day, we let God embrace and uplift us  
in worship.

**\*Hymn:** "This Is the Day" VU #412

#### Opening Prayer

##### Listening

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

#### The Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn:** "Like a Healing Stream" MV #144

#### Call to Action #10

#### Scripture:

Romans 8:6-11

*The Spirit is life, not death*

John 11:1-45

*The raising of Lazarus.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** **Breathe on Me, Breath of God** Hatch/Jackson  
*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:** **Unbinding** Rev Don Sellsted

**\*Hymn:** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" VU #326

##### Celebrating

#### Offering of Our Gifts

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

#### Offertory Prayer:

**God of all creation, in our desire to love as you love, to  
live as you would have us live, we share with joy in the  
hope and healing of the world. Amen.**

#### Prayers of the People

**\* Litany of Diminishing Light:**

The events of Lent and our own personal reflections  
constantly remind us that no matter where we are or what  
has happened, God is here and will help us if we ask.

*(the Sixth 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:**                      "Thine is the Glory"                      VU #173

**\* 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**