



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 16th, 2023, 10:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** "Come, Let Us Worship the Lord" *JF Wilson*
Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather as people committed to Jesus' words of caring and serving 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, as love's flame burns within each of us for a world where all people are united.

We gather as people open to follow Christ' way.

The embracing glow of the Christ Candle gives us hope in Jesus' promise to rejoice and be glad in a life abundant.

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

*** Call to Worship:**

It's about...God.

God?

God.

I've got questions and doubts, hopes and fears.

We all need someone who'll listen...Will you?

In faith's community, we are friends in the Spirit.

In faith's community, we are people on the Way.

In faith's community, we search with one another.

In faith's community, we listen, we love, we pray.

In this time and place, as the Son's joy continues to shine,
we do all this as we worship.

***Hymn:** "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

VU #166

Opening Prayer

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages:

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

***Hymn:** "I Can Feel You Near Me God"

MV #48

Call to Action #11

Scripture:

1 Peter 1:3-9

Salvation is the outcome of faithfulness.

John 20:19-31

Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **You Can Build A Bridge**

G Paxton

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Message:

The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

*** Hymn:** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

MV #212

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "What Can I Do?" MV #191

Offertory Prayer:

**One Great Hour of Sharing, O Lord God, is our song and
our hope. Bless these gifts to the service of Jesus who
shines in our hearts and illuminates every corner of this
world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "Forth in your name, O Christ" VU #416

*** 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 *P Lutkin*
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Postlude