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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" *J.F. Wilson*
Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

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

Refrain:

Joy comes with the dawn;

Joy comes with the morning sun;

Joy springs from the tomb

and scatters the night with her song,

joy comes with the dawn.

Weeping may come;

weeping may come in the night,

when dark shadows cloud our sight. **R**

Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God's laughter make us strong. R

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace. R

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

I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
I feel you here
I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
Heaven is here.

Refrain:

*And I'll jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy*

*I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.*

I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
Always everywhere
I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
I know you're there. **R**

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

Sent out in Jesus' name,
Our hands are ready now
To make the world the place
In which the kingdom comes. **(X2)**

The angels cannot change
A world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love,
Of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do,
To set it really free.
O, help us to obey,
And carry out your will.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** “What Can I Do?” MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

(Repeat x1)

*** 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

Forth in your name, O Christ, we go,
our daily labour to pursue,
you, only you, resolved to know
in all we think, or speak, or do.

The task your wisdom has assigned
here let us cheerfully fulfil;
in all our works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.

You may we set at our right hand,
whose eyes our inmost secrets view,
and labour on at your command
and offer all our works to you.

Help us to bear your easy yoke,
in every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to that glorious day.

Then with delight may we employ
all that your bounteous grace has given,
and run our earthly course with joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.

*** 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