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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 23rd, 2023, 10:00 am

Third Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** "O God, Send Out Your Spirit" MV #25

**O God, send out your Spirit; renew the face of the
earth.**

**O God, send out your Spirit; renew the face of the
earth.**

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

As we walk with Jesus on this journey together,

Lord, your word fills our hearts!

As he speaks with us and his love is revealed,

Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!

As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

Lord, your wisdom inspires our hearts!
As we are drawn to you, O Risen One,
Lord, your courage stirs within our hearts!
In the Word, the music, the prayers,
Our hearts join together in this one family.
Me and you, we are all part of this family.

* **Hymn:** “Come In, Come In and Sit Down” VU #395

Refrain:

**Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family.**

You know the reason why you came,
Yet no reason can explain;
So share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
For we are a part of the family. **R**

God is with us in this place,
Like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
For we are a part of the family. **R**

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
We are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
But we are a part of the family. **R**

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
There's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.

So come in and worship and answer the call,
For we are a part of the family. **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

*** Hymn:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

VU #664

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?

Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
And we'll find new courage there.

Call to Action #12

Scripture:

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

Days of Elijah

R. Mark

Offered by Orchard Valley Steeple Strummers

Message:

A Missed Field Goal

Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:**

"Three Things I Promise"

MV #176

Three things I promise, Holy God,
In age and youth, in life and death:
To bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
And listen for the Spirit's breath.

Your love unfolded time and space,
And life, and all that life became,
And so, with thankful heart and voice,
Through good and ill, I bless your Name.

I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
Amid our culture's tides and trends,
For here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

Enlivened as the Spirit moves
To cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
May seed and grow in all I do.

If I should live when vigour fades,
And family and friends are gone,
Three acts of loving faith remain
When days are slow, and work is done.

Revive and guide me, Living God,
As day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
And listen for the Spirit's breath.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "What Can I Do?"

MV #191

O 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.

Offertory Prayer:

**We cast these gifts before you, O God, as palms
were cast before Jesus long ago. We lay them
before you in praise, thanksgiving, and joy.
Receive that they may become a greater blessing in
your hands. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "This is the Day That God Has Made" VU #175

Refrain:

**This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!**

Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright! **R**

Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing! **R**

*** 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:**

“O Let the Power Fall on Me” MV #13
Accompanied by Orchard Valley Steeple Strummers

Refrain:

**O let the power fall on me, my Lord,
Let the power fall on me;
O let the power from heaven fall on me,
Let the power fall on me.**

For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord
We want Justice and truth and love;
For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord
We want justice and truth and love. **R**

O we want power to live as one, yes Lord,
We want power to live as one;
Send us the power of grace and peace and love
Send us the power of peace and love. **R**

Postlude