



**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 am

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

**\* Introit:** "O God, Send Out Your Spirit" MV #25(R)

**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:**

Good morning!

**Good morning!**

How was your week?

**It was fine.**

Was it really?

**Well, at times good, and at times not so good.**

For some it has been a good week and for others, difficulties  
abound.

**We need peace and healing for our souls.**

Come. Rest by the still waters as we worship.

**\*Hymn:** "God, We Praise You for the Morning" VU #415

**Opening Prayer**

#### Listening

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

VU #910

**\*Hymn:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

MV #30

**Minute for Mission**

**ESTARL Information**

**Scripture:**

Psalm 23

*God is my shepherd.*

John 10:1-10

*Jesus the good shepherd and the gate.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:**

**Shepherd Me, O God**

*Haugen/Hayes*

*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:**

**I Flourish**

*Rev. Don Sellsted*

**\* Hymn:**

"Come, Let Us Sing"

VU #222

#### Celebrating

**Offering of Our Gifts**

**\* Offertory:**

"What Can I Do?"

MV #191

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Loving God, who blesses us with life abundant, we ask  
that these gifts help to provide others with the  
necessities in life, that they too can know your  
presence in our world. Amen**

**OES – Service Dog Program**

**Prayers of the People**

\* **Hymn:**                “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”                VU #633

\* **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

**Postlude**