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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 14th, 2023, 10:00 am
Sixth 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:**

We seek to know God's presence in this place.

We seek the refuge of God's love and peace.

And it is here, given for you out of God's absolute love.

We receive that love and share it with others.

God's peace and love be to you all.

And also to you. AMEN.

*** Hymn:** "Welcome, Happy Morning" VU #161

Opening Prayer

Holy Communion

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages:

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

*** Hymn:** "Jesus Laughed Out Loud"

MV #133

Call to Action #14

Scripture:

1 Peter 3:13-22

Do not repay evil for evil.

John 14:15-21

The Advocate, the Spirit, will be with you.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **God of Mercy, God of Grace**

W Hatch

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **A Place of Refuge**

Rev Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

VU #333

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "We Give You but Your Own"

VU #542

Offertory Prayer:

**We give these gifts and our whole selves to the ministry
and mission you call us to. We are your disciples, O God,
and it is a blessing to serve you through serving others.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "We Praise You, O God"

VU #218

*** 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

*This week's Worship bulletin is sponsored by
Rachel MacLean-Hawley*

In loving memory of her grandmothers,

~ Delma Stewart (Wilson)MacLean 1907 - 1993 ~

~ Mary Louise (Oickle)Kaulback-Jones 1914 - 2013 ~