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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 21st, 2023, 10:00 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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

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

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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:

Shout to God with songs of great joy!

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

God has made us whole, clothed from on high.

God has called us into community.

Here we celebrate the love of God for all creation,

And to fuel our ministry of hope and love.
Come, let us come together as one people in worship.

*** Hymn:** "We Are One" VU #402

We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

*** Hymn:** "Teach Me, God, to Wonder"

VU #299

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.**

Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. **R**

Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. **R**

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. **R**

Minute for Mission

Scripture:

Psalm 47 *Clap your hands, all you people.*

Luke 24:44-55 *Jesus' last words to the disciples bring joy.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

Lord, Lead Me

G. Martin

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message:

Love and Distance

Rev. Don Sellsted

* Hymn:

"This Is God's Wondrous World"

VU #296

This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** “We Give You but Your Own” VU #542

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

*** 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 in your wonderful presence, we
are blessed to serve you through the serving of all
creation. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “You Shall Go Out With Joy” VU #884

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills

will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

*** 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

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