



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 11th, 2023, 10:00 am

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** "Come, Holy Spirit" VU #204

Come, Holy Spirit, gracious heavenly dove;
Come, fire of love.

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity, and Christ Candles

Recognition of the Land

Introduction

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Call to Worship:

Throughout our valley, province, country, and world...

God is seeking us.

Out of all life's circumstances, our hopes, and hardships...

God is calling us.

As the Spirit calls us into action...

God is calling us to serve.

In whatever state our heart is in...

God is calling us together today.

Come one and all, let us worship God's amazing grace.

* **Hymn:** "Amazing Grace" VU #266

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

*** Opening Prayer**

Creator, who greets us every day in the light of dawn. Holy Spirit we can see in whatever direction we turn, any place we are.

Creation's Lord, we give thee thanks!

God of Earth and Sky, because we are Christian, we call you Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Love, Truth, The Way, The Road, Friend, Master, Teacher, Co-worker; - our Lord, in whom we move and have our being.

That your will be done, we will draw the circle wide!

Beloved one, who fuels the spirited-energy we receive from one another when we gather together in this place,

Help us build "a house" where love can dwell and all can safely live. In your many names we pray.

Amen

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

*** Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story"

VU #343

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. **R**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **R**

Call to Action #16

Scripture:

Romans 4:13-25.....*Faith, not the law.*
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26.....*Call of Matthew.*

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

Ubuntu

Mark Hayes

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message:

To Ubuntu, or not to Ubuntu *Cupido Daniels*

*** Hymn:**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

VU #602

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.
Before our Maker's throne

we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

We give you but your own,
what-e'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 thankful
for your Spirit which never ceases to move and inspire
us to be your disciples, serving you through serving
others. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” VU #333

Love divine, all loves excelling,
 joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
 enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;
 let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
 nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
 pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
 till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*** 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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