



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 18th, 2023, 10:00 am

Celebration Send-Off for Pastor Katie Logan

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:

We have walked this journey together,
God be with us.

We have navigated every twist and turn,
Got be with us.

There are now two paths before us,
We must each take one.

May God continue with you on your journey,

and also, with you.

*** Hymn:** “Called by Earth and Sky” MV #135

Refrain:

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high,
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life
sanctified, called by earth and sky**

Precious these water, endless seas,
Deep ocean's dream, waters of healing,
Rivers of rain, the wash of love again. **R**

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
Wind born and free. Breathe of the Spirit,
Blow through this place, our gathering and our grace. **R**

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
Vast and fragile land. Seeds of our wakening,
Rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song. **R**

Precious the fire that lights our way,
Bright dawning day. Fire of passion,
Sorrows undone, our faith and justice one. **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages Pastor Katie Logan

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Dance with the Spirit" MV #156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a bornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Scripture:

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19.....*Sing a new song to God.*
Matthew 9:35 - 10:8.....*Jesus and the disciples preach and heal.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **Walk Dem Bones** *S. Musser*
Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **The Call** *Pastor Katie Logan*

***Hymn:** "We Are Pilgrims" VU #595

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road,
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory: **I (We) Will Be with You** *J. Raney*

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

*** Offertory Prayer:**

**We uplift the gifts we share, to you God. It is with
the strength of you, the love of Christ and the
wisdom of the Holy Spirit that we are your bold
disciples. We ask that you continue to inspire us to**

be giving, compassionate and bursting with Holy Love. Amen.

Completion of Covenant

Statement of Purpose

Clerk of Session:

When a minister comes into our church, we covenant with one another; we promise to journey with one another, caring and being cared for. While God's covenant never ceases, our covenants with one another do. Today we mark the end of this covenant between Pastor Katie and Orchard Valley United Church and Region 15.

Return of Ministerial Symbols

Minister:

When I came to you to serve with you, you gifted me with some symbols that I now return to you:

Bible (Team Ministry)

The Bible is a symbol of the ministry of the Word among us. May God's Word continue to challenge, nurture, and inspire us.

**We will continue to place scripture at the centre of our life. The Word of God lives among us.
Thanks be to God.**

Storybook (Youth and Family)

The Storybook is a symbol of my time with the youth,

Of my time with you. May you continue growing with Jesus and walk on your spiritual paths with this church family.

We will continue to be family to one another, to teach, to grow and to celebrate the youth of this church.

Water (Pastoral Care)

The font is the symbol of our baptism, the place of our birth into the body of Christ. May you continue to welcome new members through the living waters of our faith.

We will continue to celebrate new life in baptism: the font of blessing welcomes all. Thanks be to God.

Bread and Wine (Worship Committee)

The table is the symbol of our communion in Christ, the source of nourishment and strength. May you continue to welcome new members through the living waters of our faith.

We will continue to break the bread and share the cup. The table invites us to taste and see that God is good. Thanks be to God.

Cup & Saucer (Congregational Life)

The cup and saucer are symbols of our pastoral relationships. Of each shared laugh and meal, of each moment together.

May you continue to be a place of family, of laughter, of love, and joy, all through the connections of your faith.

We will continue to welcome new members of this one, human family and celebrate together with love, laughter, joy, and faith.

Journal (Lay Supervisory Team)

The journal is a symbol of my ongoing education, of all the lessons I have learned, and all the theological reflections I have done. May you continue to be curious, inquisitive, and wise in all that you do.

We will continue to ask questions, to be critical thinkers, and to learning opportunities for us all.

Empowering Symbols

I also have some gifts to offer you as you begin your process of discernment:

Photo Directory (Comm. Committee)

During my time, I have come to love this community.

I have seen people come and go.

Hold this, the people of this community of faith, in love that you may continue to care for one another.

**We will continue to care for one another,
bearing both our joys and sorrows together.
Thanks be to God.**

Plant (Youth and Family)

During our time together, I watched you grow and mature in your faith. Continue to grow!

We will continue to grow in our faith, nurturing the community of faith. Thanks be to God.

Rainbow (Affirming Committee)

This rainbow represents unity. We are all one under God's rainbow. Continue to embrace all, remembering we are God's diverse people.

We will embrace all, loving our diversity and uplifting the things that make us beautiful.
Thanks be to God.

Keys (Council)

I return these keys, the symbol of my leadership among you, and I will pray for your discernment going forward.

We will care for our building and the heritage it represents as we discern our way forward.
Thanks be to God.

Rubber Duck (Council) - Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk

Finally, I give you this rubber duck from my collection as a symbol of all the beautiful memories we've shared. May you build new memories and make many new friends.

We will be open to new adventures and welcome new friends into our hearts.
Thanks be to God.

Litany of Thanksgiving and Forgiveness

Clerk:

We are all called by God to offer our unique gifts and work.

But some are called to lead in particular ways.

We are all called by God to speak our faith.

But some are called to preach to the community

with prophetic words of compassion and justice.
We are all called by God to comfort those who suffer.
But some are called to share in the pain of the entire flock.

We give thanks for Pastor Katie, who has been the shepherd in our midst.

**One who has led us, taught us, challenged us,
and shared both our suffering and our joy.**

Minister:

I give thanks for the prayers that surround me as I complete my ministry among you, and I ask you to forgive me for the mistakes I've made, the dreams not realized, and the expectations not met.

Yes, we forgive you and bless you.

**We rejoice in the ways we have been blessed
by your ministry among us.**

**We ask your forgiveness for mistakes made
and for expectations not met.**

Minister:

I receive your gratitude and forgive your shortcomings.

Clerk:

Do you, Pastor Katie, release this pastoral charge from the vows and promises made at your covenanting?

Minister:

I do, God being my helper.

Clerk:

Do you, the members and friends of Orchard Valley United Church, release Pastor Katie from the duties of ministry among you?

We do, God being our helper.

Clerk: (Lighting a candle from the Christ candle).

We invite you to accept this candle to remember us.
Remember that God's light always burns within you.
Go now, surrounded by our love
and led by God, the Christ, and the Spirit.

Amen.

*** Hymn:** "She Comes Sailing on the Wind VU #380

Refrain:

**She come sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in
the sun, On a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out
through the night, full of laughter, full of light, she
flies on.**

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
Like an empty cradle waiting to be filled
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the
earth,
Like a mother breathing life into her child.

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken heart found new
delight, and then down the ages still she flew. **R**

Gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
A whisper softly calling in the dark,
The promise of a child of peace whose reign would never
end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

Flying to the river, she waited circling high
Above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the
sky
And she carried him away in her embrace. **R**

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
After dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
The Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings
unfurled,
Bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. **R**

Closing Prayer

Celebrations

*** 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: Go Now in Peace

D. Besig

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Postlude

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~from wife, Mary ~*