



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 25, 2023, 10:00 am

Fourth 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

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

Welcome to worship today!

Thanks. We are glad to be here.

Even when things get hectic, always know that you will
find welcome here.

**We are grateful for the hospitality and friendship
that are offered here.**

Even when we are down in the dumps, lost, and confused,
know this place is your holy space.

We are thankful for love abundantly shared.

Come, let us worship the God who always welcomes us all.

**Let us open our hearts to the one who welcomed
friend and stranger alike.**

In this place, in our worship, there is room for us all.

*** Hymn:** "There is Room for All" MV #62

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I
trust."

There is room for all, there is room for all!

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer VU #910

*** Hymn:** "Small Things Count" VU #361

Small things count, so Jesus said:
cups of water, crumbs of bread,
small things done because we're kind
count as big things in God's mind.

Small things make the big things grow:
grains of yeast inside the dough,
puffs that fill a big balloon,
notes that make a happy tune.

Every hair that's on our head,
every sparrow, Jesus said,

God takes care of, counts and knows,
God loves us from top to toes!

Call to Action #17

Scripture:

Romans 6:1b–11 *Dead to sin; alive in Christ.*

Matthew 10:24–39 *Discipleship; lose your life to find it.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **Then Sings My Soul** *S. Hine & M. MacDonald*
 Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **Infectious Peace** *Rev. Don Sellsted*

*** Hymn:** “God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace” VU #676

God, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly.
For in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day;
God, make us servants of your peace
to wake at last in heaven's light.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "What Can I Do?" MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

*** 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 of peace which never ceases to move and inspire us to be your disciples, serving you through serving others. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:**

“On Eagle’s Wings”

VU #808

You who dwell in the shelter of our God,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain:

**“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand”.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under God’s wings your refuge,
God’s faithfulness your shield. **R**

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. **R**

For to God’s angels is given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **R**

*** 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 In Love

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Postlude

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