



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 2nd, 2023, 10:00 am

Fifth 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:

I am so glad to have you all here with us today.

We are happy to be here too.

What brought you here?

To be in community and acceptance with God's people.

To share our joys and hardships with God.

To open our eyes to the burdens and celebrations of each other.

Let us open our hearts to God's Spirit as we worship.

*** Hymn:** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” VU #371

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

**Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. **R**

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share. **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** “Jesus Bids Us Shine” VU #585

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.

In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Scripture:

Romans 6:12–18 *The wages of sin is death; eternal life is free.*

Matthew 10:40–42 *Welcoming and offering a cup of water.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: I am the Lord of the Dance

Offered by Johann Botha

Message: Cool Drink of Water

*** Hymn: “There's a Spirit in the Air”**

VU #582

There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world

May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay,
live tomorrow's life today.

There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

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
service 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:** “One More Step Along the World I Go” VU #639

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:

Refrain:

**And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see

you'll be looking at along with me: **R**
As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know: **R**

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you: **R**

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you: **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**

Orchard United Church Choir

Postlude

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**In loving memory of
~ Buzz Hine ~
From wife, Barbara**