



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 am**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Music as We Gather**

### Gathering

**\*Introit:** "Ständchen" *by Franz Schubert*

**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:**

God brings us the rain and the sunshine...

**Watering the earth, the warmth springing forth  
sprouting new life.**

Providing seed for the Sower...

**We need peace, for our spirits are heavy.**

Come in and discover love!

**And life to creation.**

So shall our word and deed as it scatters forth from us,

**Growing in faith, hope, and joy.**

In this faith, in this hope, let us worship.

**\*Hymn:** "This Is the Day" MV #122

**Opening Prayer**

## Listening

**Children's Time/Time for all Ages**

**The Lord's Prayer** VU #910

**\*Hymn:** "Sing a Happy Hallelujah" VU #224

**Scripture:**

Isaiah 55:10-13.....*An Invitation to Abundant Life.*

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23...*The parable of the Sower and the seed.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** **Adoration** *by Florence Price*  
*Offered by Thea Burton and Elizabeth Kostner*

**Message:** **Scattered Wildly** **Rev. Don Sellsted**

**\*Hymn:** "Touch the Earth Lightly" VU #307

## Celebrating

**Offering Our Gifts**

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

**Offertory Prayer:**

**We give these gifts and our whole selves to the service  
you call us to. Let all that we offer reach beyond what  
we can do alone, ever thankful for your Spirit to move  
and inspire us to serve you through serving others.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:**        “May the God of Hope Go with Us”        VU #424

**\*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**

**Postlude**