



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 23, 2023, 10:00 am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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:

Rest your bodies from the noise and chaos of the week.

The week has had its ups and downs.

God journeys each moment of each day with you.

The Spirit's presence has guided us here today.

Let this be a marker place for each of us.

A place where we are loved and accepted.

From beginning to end, God lives within us every day of our lives. Let us worship.

*** Hymn:** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" VU #644

I was there to hear your borning cry,

I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

* **Hymn:** "And on This Path"

MV #8

And on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!

So enter in,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!

Scripture:

Genesis 28:10–19a *Jacob's dream of the ladder.*

Psalms 139:1–10 *God, you have searched me and known me.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: Namaste

Lyrics & Music by Mark Hayes

Offered by Mary McFarlane and Cupido Daniels

Message:

Marker Places

Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:**

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

VU #509

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**

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 to the service you call us to. Let
all that we offer reach beyond what 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:** “Wherever You May Go” MV #216

Refrain:

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
And your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
For I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,

We will travel side by side
And God's love will be our guide. **R**

From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
When you need me, I'll be there,
You can trust my faithful care. **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:** **Amen**

Postlude

This week's Worship Bulletin is sponsored by

Barbara Hine

In loving memory of

~ Buzz Hine ~

From wife, Barbara