



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 30th, 2023, 10:00 am

Ninth 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:

From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

Big or small, good things can come from anyone!

A little yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

We can create hope and peace in God's world.

With even a little love, great and surprising wonders can grow.

**Our spirits soar in gratitude for the possibilities
before us.**

Come, let us praise the God of astounding wonders.

*Hymn: "God, We Praise You for the Morning" VU #415

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time/Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

VU # 910

*Hymn:

"Love Is the Touch"

MV #89

Scripture:

Romans 8:26-39 *The Spirit intercedes for us when we cannot pray.*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 *The Five parables.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message:

Tree of Life

Rev. Don Sellsted

*Hymn:

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

VU #271 (vs.1,2,4,5)

Celebrating

Offering Our Gifts

*Offertory:

"What Can I Do?"

MV #191

Offertory Prayer:

**We give these gifts to the service you call us to. Let the
gifts we offer grow beyond our imagination. We are
ever thankful for your Spirit to move and inspire us to
serve you through serving others. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*Hymn:

"You Shall Go Out With Joy"

VU #884

***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