



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 am  
**Twelfth 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:**

What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate  
the love of God.

**God's love flows through our lives!**

Although we may come with fears and faults...

**We are God's own, who knows us through and  
through.**

This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

**This is what it means to be a people of faith.**

On this special day, let us rejoice and Worship the Lord!

**\*Hymn:** "Worship the Lord" VU #401

**Opening Prayer**

### Listening

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

VU #910

**\*Hymn:** "Jesus, Friend of Little Children" VU #340

**Scripture:**

Genesis 45:1-9 *Joseph is reunited with his brothers.*

Matthew 15:21-28 *A Canaanite mother challenges Jesus.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:**

**Pie Jesu**

*from Requiem by Gabriel Urbain Fauré (1845-1924)*

*Offered by Nancy Handrigan*

**Message:** **Fully Human, Thank God!** *Rev. Don Sellsted*

**\* Hymn:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" MV #288

### Celebrating

**Offering of Our Gifts**

**\* Offertory:** "Grant Us, God, the Grace" VU #540

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Inspiring God, regardless of what we've done, you care  
for us all with your amazing love. With gratitude we  
ask that you steady our insecurities, showing us all we  
can achieve through these gifts. Receive not only our  
gifts but also receive us, the givers. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:** "To Show by Touch and Word" VU #427

**\* 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**