



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave.,
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 3rd, 2023, 10:00 am
Fourteenth 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:

If life was a house, then we would pray –
May the Creator be the foundation.
May Jesus Christ be the cornerstone.
May the Spirit be the windows – ushering light in.
And may hope be the walls – holding us together.
In this time of worship, let us work toward building a home together.
We may not know the path ahead, but the Creator is here, even now.
Let us give thanks for a foundation of Love.
Let us worship Our Holy Creator.

*Hymn: "Let Us Build a House" MV #1

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, this morning we come to this time of worship with different things in our hearts, from different places in our lives and lives of faith. And yet, you in your compassion,

you welcome us – whoever we are, and wherever we are on our journey. And so we come to you to rest, to learn, to be fed, to pray and to be healed. We ask that you grant us your peace.

Listening

Learning With Our Children

*Hymn: "Teach me God, to Wonder" VU #299

Scripture:

Micah 6:6-8

Matthew 10:13-21

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **God Be in My Head**

*By Robert Young
Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

Message: **"Make Church"** Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte

* Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" VU #337

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

Offertory Prayer:

Inspiring God, you call us to be your people. You call us worthy. You shower us with your amazing love. With gratitude we ask that you help us to be your rock, showing us all we can achieve through a foundation of generosity. Receive not only our gifts but receive us, the givers. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* Hymn: "May the God of Hope Go With Us" VU #424

*** Commissioning**

Go from this house, journey with the One who walks with you
and calls you to a deeper truth. Go with open hearts and minds,
knowing the Spirit of God is with you. And may you be voices of
wisdom, your actions standing for justice and peace. In the name
of Christ.

*** 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