



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

Sunday, September 17th, 2023, 10:00 am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

***Introit** "What is the Place"

Songs for a Gospel People #70

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:

Sing and rejoice! God reaches out to us with healing love!

The Lord is our strength and our inspiration!

Dance before our God, a dance of joy and hope!

The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.

Come, let us celebrate with our God.

**Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us
each day.**

Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

***Hymn:** "Creator God You Gave Us Life" MV #27

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

VU# 910

***Hymn:** "Jesus Came, a Child like Me"

VU# 583

Scripture:

Romans 14:1-12.....*Whether we live or whether we die, we are God's.*

Matthew 18:21-35.....*How many times must I forgive?*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

Stronger With Time

by Carl Strommen

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message:

Hold My Hand

Rev. Don Sellsted

* Hymn:

"Come, Let Us Sing"

VU #222

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* Offertory:

"Grant Us, God, the Grace"

VU #540

Offertory Prayer:

Loving God, creator and sustainer, help us to remember that we are stewards of your generosity, caring for creation. May we be generous and gracious in our caring for one another as you would have us do. We dedicate these gifts, and the givers, to your service. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* Hymn:

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

VU #575

*** 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**

Go Now In Peace by Besig and Price
Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Postlude