



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 10:00 am  
**Eighteenth 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 that God can bring  
us together each day.**

Come, let us rejoice that in our diversity,

**There is unity and marvelous opportunity to grow  
and learn.**

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

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

### Opening Prayer

## World Wide Communion

### Listening

**Learning With Our Children** *with Bev Thompsom*

**The Lord's Prayer** VU #910

**\*Hymn:** "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" MV #138

### Scripture:

Philippians 2:1-13 ..... *Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus.*

Matthew 21:23-32 ..... *By what authority does Jesus act and teach?*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** **At the Table of the Lord** *by J. Althouse*  
*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:** **Make My Joy Complete!**

**\* Hymn:** "What Wonderful Love is This" VU #147

### 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 your stewards of creation. We are connected to  
creation, creation to us, and us to one another. Through our  
universal caring, we dedicate these gifts, and the givers, to  
your service. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

**\* Hymn:** "Bless Our Homes and Families" VU #556

### \* 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!**

**\* Choral Benediction**

**Go Now in Peace**

by Besig and Price

**Postlude**

*This week's Worship bulletin is sponsored by*

*the Godding-Dominey Family:*

*Amanda, Lester, Branden, Jacob, Noah and Isaiah*

**In memory of**

**~ Margaret and Blake Curry ~**

**Two very, very special people in our Church Family.**