



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

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 am

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Music as We Gather**

### Gathering

**\*Introit** "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"  
by Brian Doerksen

**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:**

Our Creator fills all things with goodness.

**Joy, peace, hope, love, and a deep shalom.**

As harvest time comes upon us, we rejoice in all that means.

**Crops coming in, colours changing, brisk morning air,  
creation settling in for its season of rest.**

In this season of promise, there remains:

**A hunger for reconciliation and right relations, A thirst  
for communities that love first, last, and always and a  
longing for a world of justice.**

And so come, gather in worship as a grateful people, living and  
loving.

**\*Hymn:** "Come, You Thankful People, Come" VU #516

**Opening Prayer**

## Listening

**Learning With Our Children**

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

**\*Hymn:** "Praise God for This Holy Ground" MV #42

**Scripture:**

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 ..... *God loves a cheerful giver.*

Luke 17:11-19 ..... *Ten healed; one returns to offer thanks.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** **For the Beauty of the Earth** by John Rutter  
*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:** **Crossing the Border** Rev. Don Sellsted

**\* Hymn:** "Grateful" MV #182

## Celebrating

**Offering of Our Gifts**

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

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Loving God, Creator and Sustainer, help us to cherish and  
celebrate your wondrous creation and all the blessings we  
have received. It is with grateful hearts that we dedicate  
these gifts to your service. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:** "We Praise You, O God" VU #218

**\* 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**

**Amen**

VU #967

**Postlude**