



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

Sunday, October 15th, 2023, 10:00 am
20th Sunday after Pentecost

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:

People of God, look about and see the faces of those we
know and love...

**neighbors and friends, siblings, a community of
kindred hearts.**

People of God, look about and see the faces of those we
hardly know...

**sojourners, new friends, the ones who need an
outstretched hand.**

People of God, look about and see all the images of God
assembled here.

In each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.

Come, let us share our praise to God in worship together.

***Hymn:** "God of the Sparrow" VU #229

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer VU #910

***Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Shout, Shout" MV #183

Scripture:

Philippians 4:1-9 *Rejoice in God always; again I say, rejoice.*

Matthew 22:1-14 *Violence at the wedding banquet.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **I Will Rejoice** by J. Martin
Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **The Glad Game** Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" VU #375

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 wonderful creation and all the blessings we
have received. It is with joyful hearts that we dedicate these
gifts to your service. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "Like a Mighty River Flowing" VU #267

* 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