



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

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 am  
**25<sup>th</sup> 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:

Holy God, be with us in all of our journeys...  
**From near and from far and histories unknown**  
Be with us in strength and in weakness...  
**The lost and forsaken, the proud and the strong**  
Be with us in all of our beings...  
**Where life in all our genders can truly belong.**  
Be with us in all of our actions...  
**Fulfilling your promised home where all people come.**  
Be with us in all of our hopes...  
**That rest will come in your love when all are as one.**  
With open hearts, be with us today in worship.

**\*Hymn:** "Spirit, Open My Heart" MV #79

### Opening Prayer

## Listening

### Learning With Our Children

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

**\*Hymn:** "Are You a Shepherd?" MV # 126

### Minute for Mission

### Scripture:

Romans 8:31-39..... *God's Love in Christ Jesus.*  
Matthew 25:14-30..... *The parable of the talents.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** Lift Thine Eyes *Mendelssohn/Arr. J. Bertalot*

*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:** **Our Remembering Month** *Rev. Don Sellsted*

### Lament and Proclamation

**\* Hymn:** "O for a World" VU #697

## Celebrating

### Offering of Our Gifts

**\* Offertory:** "What Can I Do?" MV #191

### 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 joyful hearts that  
we dedicate these gifts to your service. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

**\* Hymn:** "God Be with You till We Meet Again" VU #422

### \* 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**