



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 17th, 2023, 10:00 am
Cantata for the 4th Sunday in Advent

Music as We Gather

Gathering

***Introit:** "Come, Lord Jesus, Come"

J. Raney

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship

Look! Feel the Warmth of the love God is placing among us.

**Love? God's love is here, there just seems so little time
for it right now.**

There's always time to gather in the love of God and the love of
one another.

**Taking time to Love is hard when we are so anxious
and concerned about what may come.**

A long time ago, people were anxious and worried about the
future, and God brought to them Love in the flesh.

**God brings that Love to us today and always! Hallelujah
and AMEN.**

Holy Communion

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Cantata

What Sweeter Music

by M.Hayes

"Opening Medley"

OVUC Choir

"Promise of Peace"

OVUC Choir

Learning With Our Children

Fourth Candle of Advent

Advent is a time to celebrate God's Love.

God's love is pure.

We celebrate by loving our neighbours as ourselves.

God's love is everlasting.

We celebrate by loving God with all our hearts.

God's love is unconditional.

We celebrate by spreading God's love to a world in need.

God's love is freely given to all.

Lighting the Candle of Love

What Sweeter Music *continues...*

"Song of Mary"

Soloist: Thea Burton

***"Cradle Medley"**

*OVUC Choir &
Congregation*

***"Song of the Angels"**

*OVUC Choir &
Congregation*

"We Three Kings"

OVUC Choir

Celebrating Giving

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "In the Bleak Midwinter"

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Offertory Prayer:

**Holy God, as the music of the season sings in our heart
and soul, we acknowledge that we are a people
bountiful with our time, plentiful with our talent, and
generous with our treasure. May all that we are be used
in service to which we have been called in Jesus' Name.
AMEN.**

What Sweeter Music *continues...*

*"Closing Medley"

OVUC Choir &
Congregation

Going Out

*** Commissioning & Benediction:**

Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime;

Therefore, we must live by hope.

Nothing true or beautiful makes complete sense in any
immediate context of history;

Therefore, we must live by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;

Therefore, we live by love.

*** Benediction hymn:**

"Amen"

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Postlude

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