



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

Sunday, December 31st, 2023, 10:00 am

1st Sunday after Christmas

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*Introit: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" VU #35

Lighting the Advent Candles and Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill toward all.

For out of God's own being, Jesus has come to bring peace, understanding, and love to all people.

Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, come to gather our tears and laughter, our work and our play, into God's loving embrace.

Jesus came to encourage and inspire God's longing for a world of kindness and compassion.

And so, let us be Christ to the world and one another.

*Hymn: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" VU #75

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

*Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" VU #36

Minute for Mission

Scripture: Luke 2:22-40.....*Jesus is presented in the temple.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Offered by Cupido Daniels

Message: **Are you up for another year?**

Rev Don Sellsted

*Hymn: "Go Tell it on the Mountain" VU #43

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

Offertory Prayer:

Gifted by your grace, we offer you what you have given us, O God, and pray that these gifts may be used for the sharing of love, the doing of justice, and the giving of peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: "Joy to the World" VU #59

* 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!**

*** Benediction:** **Amen** *offered by Cupido Daniels*
Postlude

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