



# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 10:00 am

### Third Sunday after the Epiphany

#### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

**\* Introit:** "I am the Light of the World" VU #87 vs.1

#### **REFRAIN:**

**'I am the light of the world!**

**You people come and follow me!'**

**If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.**

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way  
home,  
the work of Christmas is begun. **R**

#### **Lighting the Outreach, Unity, and Christ Candle**

#### **Recognition of the Land**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

#### **Call to Worship:**

God was persistent in calling to Jonah,

**And Jonah went and proclaimed God's word.**

Jesus proclaimed a message to the disciples,  
**And they followed and proclaimed God's word.**  
The Holy Spirit lives in our hearts today,  
**And we go to be God's word in the world.**  
In word and in action, let us come alive in worship today.

\* **Hymn:** "This is the Day" VU #412

This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;  
we will go in, we will go in,  
to your holy place, to your holy place.  
Open to us your gates, O God,  
we will go in to your holy place.  
Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, we will praise your name,  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.

You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.

This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Listening**

## **Learning With Our Children**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

VU #910

**\* Hymn:** "Simon, Simon, a Fisherman"

VU #597

Simon, Simon, a fisherman was he,  
Simon, Simon, lived beside the sea,  
until the day when Jesus came  
and calling Simon by his name, said  
'Simon, Simon, follow, follow me.'

Simon's younger brother Andrew, loyal, brave and true,  
Simon's younger brother Andrew followed Jesus too.  
They left their ship beside the sea,  
to follow and disciples be, when  
Jesus calling them by name, said, 'Follow, follow me.'

Mary loved to listen, Martha liked to do.  
Both were friends of Jesus, just like me and you.  
No matter what our different ways  
we all can help when Jesus says,  
'Mary, Martha, follow, follow me.'

Dorcas followed Jesus too, sharing what she had.  
Dorcas cared for neighbour folk, making others glad.  
And we can share with gift and deed  
as Jesus shared with those in need.  
'Dorcas, Dorcas, follow, follow me.'

You can be like Dorcas, and follow Jesus too.  
You can be like Andrew, friendly, brave and true.  
Big and strong or small and shy,  
we can follow if we try, when  
Jesus calling us by name says, 'Follow, follow me.'

## **Minute for Mission**

### **Scripture:**

Jonah 3:1–5, 10 .....*Jonah calls Nineveh to repent.*

Mark 1:14–20 .....*Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James, and John.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:**

**Be Thou My Vision**

*G. Young*

*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:**

**Water Walkers**

*Rev. Don Sellsted*

**\* Hymn:**        “I Have Called You by Your Name”        MV #161

I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are  
true. You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can  
claim, offer Jesus’ body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation’s ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of  
doubt, hold the hem of Jesus’ robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children  
whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

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

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

**Merciful God, you enliven us with a purpose. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people and change makers in our world. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn: "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"**

VU #245

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or  
snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,

praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment,  
nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

**\* 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 Hymn:**                      "Amen"                      VU #967

**Postlude**