



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

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00am

# 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday Third Sunday after Pentecost

### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* **Introit:** "Come, All You People" MV #2

**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!**

**Centreing Music**

\* **Call to Worship:**

From deep soil comes bold and daring growth.

**From the seeds of our past will come fresh new growth.**

We come today to marvel at what has been harvested  
**and prepare for what will come.**

We come to celebrate where we are and where we have been.

**We come rejoicing with our ancestors in faith across generations:**

The Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians,

the Evangelical United Brethren, and Local Union Churches,  
 The Wesleyan Methodist Church of Bermuda,  
**and our full communion partners across this world.**

The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea,  
 The United Church of Christ,  
 The United Church of Christ in the Phillipines,  
 and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**We give thanks to God for the blessings of the past, present, and future, and dare to plant these seeds of faith anew!**

\***Hymn:** "Make a Joyful Noise" VU #820

**Opening Prayer**

#### Listening

**Learning With Our Children**

**The Lord's Prayer**

\***Hymn:** "Jesus Came, a Child like Me" VU #583

**Mission & Service**

**Scripture:**

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1 *Our inner nature is renewed day by day.*

John 12:20 – 28..... *Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** "Here Am I, Lord" *T. Valentine offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:** **Letting Go and Re-Birth** *Rev Don Sellsted*

\***Hymn:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" VU #288

#### Celebrating

**Offering of Our Gifts**

\* **Offertory:** "Grateful" MV #182

## Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, we believe that you are calling us forward into a new day.

**We believe that you have a future for our church,**  
and The United Church of Canada that is rooted in your abundant life.

**We trust you with this future.**

So, we offer you the blessings you have already given us—  
our time, our talents, our treasure, and our hopes—

**so that you might use and transform them for the  
good of your world.**

All this we pray, in Jesus' name.

**Amen!**

## Prayers of the People

\* **Hymn:** "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

\* **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