



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

Sunday, November 24th, 2024, 10:00am
Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year
Completion of the Covenant with

Rev. Linda

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Prelude

***Procession:**

***Introit:** "Come and Follow Me" *T. Franzak*

Lighting the Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Centreing Music

***Call to Worship:**

This is the day the Creator has made.
And, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
 Come, let us Worship our God.

***Opening Hymn:** "Let Us Build a House" *MV# 1*

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

***Family Hymn:** "Jesus Laughed Out Loud" *MV #133*

Prayer for Illumination:

ALL: God of grace & glory, we will now receive your Good News. Let it abide deep within our souls with an openness of spirit, a keenness of mind, and a willingness to engage with your timeless story.

Scripture:

Isaiah 61:1-11..... *"The Year of the Lord's Favour"*
 Mark 4:26-34..... *"The Parable of the Growing Seed"*
 The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Gift of Music: **"The Holy City"** *F.E. Weatherly/S. Adams*
offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: "The Humble Weed that Keeps on Giving"
Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte

***Hymn:** "In the Garden" (words on screen)

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

***Offertory Prayer:**

Gracious God, we offer these gifts so that the mission of your church might be sustained and strengthened, bringing hope and joy into the lives of our neighbours around the world and here at home. Amen.

Prayers of the People – *Rev Thelma MacDonald*

***Special Music:** *At the Edge of a Dream*
Composed by Ari Snyder

***Returning the Symbols of the Covenant** (*please see insert*)

***Closing Hymn:** "Never Ending Joy" *MV #40*

***Commissioning:**

One: Go now, to follow the way of Christ. As you have been a blessing to me, go be a blessing to others.

ALL: As you have been a blessing to us, so also may you be a blessing to others as you follow the way of Christ.

***Benediction:**

May God bless you, and keep you, and may God's face shine upon you and bring you peace until we meet again. And the people said ... **AMEN!**

***Congregational Benediction:** "Amen"

VU #967

Postlude