



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

Sunday, March 9, 2025, 10:00am

**First Sunday in Lent**

**Music as We Gather**

**Gathering**

**\*Introit:** "Spirit Come" *D. MacGregor*

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Lenten Candle Liturgy**

Today we mark the journey by extinguishing our first candle, even as we remember God's covenant of promise, made through a wandering Aramean.

*(The first purple candle is extinguished.)*

God of Promise,

**We pray today that your grace inspires all the actions in our lives. We celebrate the gift that is Jesus, and through him, your covenant of promise. Open us to your wisdom that it may infuse our faith along this faith-filled journey. Amen.**

**Recognition of the Land**

**Welcome and Announcements**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Centring Music**

**\*Call to Worship:**

Here we are again, ready to follow Jesus to Jerusalem, starting the journey of Lent.

**Each time we take this road, we discover new things, new perspectives, new grace.**

Each time we take this road, we travel with Christ, **present with us at the very beginning,**

present with us now,

**and present even beyond this time.**

So, come now! Come and receive the story, God's story.

Come and sing the songs, our songs that reveal this sacred story.

**We come now to ready ourselves in this Lenten time, to sing, and to worship.**

**\*Hymn:** "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" VU #108

**Opening Prayer**

**Listening**

**Learning With Our Children**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "Come Touch Our Hearts" MV #12

**Mission and Service**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11.....*"My father was a wandering Aramean".*

Luke 4:1-13.....*Jesus tested in the desert.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** "Creating God Your Fingers Trace" *R. Johnson*  
*Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:** "Getting it Sorted" *Rev. Don Sellsted*

**\*Hymn:** "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence" VU #421

## Celebrating

### Offering of Our Gifts

**\*Offertory:** "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" VU #544

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**Holy God, we are your difference makers, prepared to share our gifts to bring hope and peace to a world in desperate need of love, faith, and compassion. Your Spirit moves us with gratitude to be a blessing to all creation. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

**\*Hymn:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" VU #626

**\*Commissioning & Benediction:**

Let us put away the past.

**God is about to do a new thing!**

God makes a way where there is no way!

**God makes a path through the wilderness**

sending angels to guard and guide us,

**while calming our spirit as we confront our fears.**

knowing that we are not alone.

**Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.**

And the people said ... **AMEN!**

**\*Congregational Benediction:** "Go Now In Peace" *Besig/Price*

### Postlude

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