



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00am  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* **Introit:** "Come into my Presence" *Congregation*

\* **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:**

God, you call us from all parts of the Earth.

**From the cities and the countryside.**

God, you sing to us from the edges of the universe.

**The gentle ocean breeze, waves of the lakeshore,**

in the colours bursting from our landscapes,

**and in the faces of your children.**

God, you speak to us from the reaches of the Earth.

**To the east, the west, the north and to the south,**

above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear.

**Send your voice to sing within us today as we**

**worship.**

\***Hymn:** "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU #563

**Opening Prayer**

#### Listening

**Learning With Our Children**

**The Lord's Prayer**

\***Hymn:** "There's a Spirit in the Air" VU #582

**Mission and Service**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)...*Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus*

John 21:1-19...*Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of*

*Tiberias*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** **Worthy is the Lamb** *A.L. Page*

*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:** **"Call and Call Again"** *Rev. Don Sellsted*

\***Hymn:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU #371

#### Celebrating

**Offering of Our Gifts**

\***Offertory:** "Grant us, God, the Grace" VU #540

\***Offertory Prayer:**

**Gracious God, you have given us life furnished with beauty and blessing. Through Christ you have given yourself to us. We offer to you now our energy, our compassion, and our blessings to share in the work of the world. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

In your great mercy,  
**Hear our prayers.**

**\*Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU #567

## **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!**

### **\*Congregational Benediction:**

**"Go Now in Peace"** *Besig & Price*

## **Postlude**