



# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 6, 2025, 10:00 am

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

- \* Congregational Introit: "Come, We That Love"** VU #715  
vs.1 (2<sup>nd</sup> tune)

Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known,  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
and thus surround the throne.

- \* 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.**

#### Centring Music

#### Call to Worship

Sing praises to God:  
**who heals us and makes us whole.**  
Sing praises to God:  
**whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.**  
Sing praises to God;  
**give thanks to God's holy name:**

God's promise is near to us;

**God's peace resides in our hearts.**

With healing and wholeness, praise and thanksgiving, we  
gather now in worship.

\* **Hymn:**                    “Shall We Gather at the River”                    VU #710

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod;  
with its crystal tide for ever  
flowing by the throne of God?

**Refrain:**

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.*

Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. **R**

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. **R**

## Opening Prayer

### Listening

## Learning With Our Children

### The Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn: "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" VU #299

**Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;  
let your world of beauty capture me.  
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give.**

Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;  
let your world of people speak to me. **R**

Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,  
in your world of loving my place take. **R**

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbour when we meet. **R**

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture:

Galatians 6:7–16..... *You reap what you sow; sow in the Spirit.*  
Luke 10:1–11, 16–20....*The mission of the 70 who carried nothing.*

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** *Violin offered by Nancy Handrigan*

**Message:**               **“Summertime Pilgrimage”**

Rev. Don Sellsted

**\* Hymn:**               **“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”**       VU #633

Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence,  
the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert  
and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters,  
the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
who share this winding way,  
whose hope burns through the terrors,  
whose love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom  
while often we are bound.  
Together we are seeking  
the road where faith is found.

Divine Eternal Lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise  
where milk and honey flow.  
But waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

**\* Offertory:**                      “What Can I Do?”                      MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.  
(Repeat x1)

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

**Comforting God, you guide us, your people, in all our  
journeys, empowering us to be a blessing to others.  
May the gifts we share be one part of that love we long  
to share with all your creation. This is our prayer.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:**                      “We are Pilgrims”                      VU #595

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

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

**Postlude**