



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 20, 2025, 10:00 am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Congregational Introit: "Come, We That Love"

VU#715 vs. 1(2nd 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

We give thanks to God for the faithful ministry of this church family.

We give thanks for together we make a difference.

We give thanks for their guidance, their teaching, their care for our community.

We give thanks for the trust we place in one another.

We give thanks for this time to be enlivened and refreshed...

to be Christ's hands and feet.

In our time together, and our time away,

Our love binds us to the holy and to one another.

Let our worship today strengthen us until we are together once more.

Let our worship begin!

* **Hymn:** "Make a Joyful Noise"

VU #820

Refrain:

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

Know that your God has made you.

Knowing it's to God we belong,

And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.

Worship your God with a song! **R**

Enter these gates, thanks giving.

Enter these courts with praise.

Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.

Worship your God with a song! **R**

Ages through endless ages,
Seasons of endless years,
The love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song! **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Sing a Happy Hallelujah"

VU #224

Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.

Refrain:

*Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!*

We're the proof of God's good humour,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly. **R**

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,
so is life for us enhanced. **R**

Everyday sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word! **R**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Leviticus 25:1-7 *The Sabbatical Year*

Luke 10:38-42 *Jesus visits Mary and Martha*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music:

It is Well

by Brian Doersken

Offered by Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk and Nancy Handrigan

Message:

“Doers and Dreamers”

Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:**

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

VU #509

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**

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:** “Oh a Song Must Rise” MV #142

Refrain:

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
(descend).*

From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again. (again)
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

*** 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:**

"You Shall Go Out With Joy"

VU #884

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

Postlude