



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

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00am

### **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Music as We Gather**

#### **Gathering**

**\* Congregational Introit:**

*"You Are Loved"*

*Mary-Ellen Kish*

**\* 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:**

Spirit of Life, in this time of worship, bring to us awareness,  
**awareness of the beauty of each person gathered  
here today either in person or on line.**

Spirit of Life, bring to us strength,  
**the strength to face the challenges before us this  
day and into the future.**

Spirit of Life, bring to us wisdom,  
**the wisdom to be open to your leading.**

Spirit of Life, bring to us love,  
**the love of God, the love of self, and the love of  
others in every aspect of our lives.**

Spirit of Life, come to us that all the energy and power of this season will renew and revitalize us. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" MV #10

**Opening Prayer**

#### **Listening**

**Children's Time**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "I Am a Child of God" MV #157

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

Proverbs 12:18-22a

Mark 5:24-30, 33-34

Contemporary Reading on Truth

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Introit:** "Lord Who Knows My Heart" *D. Burton*

*offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:** "The Practice of Speaking Truth"

*Rev. Gloria Churchill*

**\*Hymn:** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" VU #479

#### **Celebrating**

**Offering of Our Gifts**

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

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

We give thanks this day, Holy One, for your Spirit's leading in making us a people of generosity and we pray

our gifts will be used in your service and in Christ's name.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn:** “O Lord, Listen to your Children Praying” VU #400

### **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** “What a Friend we Have in Jesus” VU #664

### **Commissioning:**

The time has now come for us to leave this sacred space.

**May we remember that all of life is sacred.**

As we leave this place where the faithful have gathered,

**May we embrace the challenges of our lives and our world.**

As we leave this place of sanctuary and safety,

**May we be encouraged to be a place of sanctuary,  
acceptance, and peace for all.**

### **Extinguish the Candles**

### **\* Benediction**

**\*Congregational Benediction: “Go Now In Peace”** *Besig*

### **Postlude**