



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

Sunday, October 12th, 2025, 10:00am

Thanksgiving Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Congregational Introit:**

"Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" MV #18

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

*** Lighting of the Christ, Outreach and Affirming Candles**

Response: "We Are a Rainbow" vs. 1 & refrain

Centring Music

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Call to Worship:**

Whether we live in an apartment or a house; if we reside in
the suburbs or the city:

God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel; if we are
young, old, insider, outcast:

**God says, "when you search for me, you will find
me."**

Whether we have been wandering and lost; or if we have
lived in the same place all our lives:

**God says, "I will gather you from all your places and
bring you home."**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

***Hymn:** "Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving" MV #185

Scripture:

Genesis 32:24-29

Matthew 5:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Contemporary Reading

Anthem: "Soli Deo" David Waggoner

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: "The Practice of Blessing"

Rev. Gloria Churchill

***Hymn:** "For The Fruit of All Creation" VU #227

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

***Offertory Hymn:**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

VU# 541

***Offertory Prayer:**

On this day of Thanksgiving, we give thanks for our many blessings and we are grateful that we can share a part of those blessings with others through our morning offerings. Bless them, bless those who will benefit from them, and bless us, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***Intro to Prayer:** “Don’t Be Afraid” MV #90

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** “Let All Things Now Living” VU #242

Commissioning

Extinguishing the Candles

***Sung Benediction:** “Threefold Amen” VU #967

Postlude