



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 23, 2025, 10:00 am

Reign of Christ Sunday

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Congregational Introit: "God Be In My Head" VU #430**

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

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

Good morning! May God's blessings be with you this day!
Thank you, and may God's blessings be with you also!

May the light of Christ's love shine on you.

May the peace of Christ be in your heart.

Open your hearts to celebrate the reign of Jesus Christ.

With joy we open our hearts and spirits to God.
Let us worship.

*** Hymn:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” VU #211

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o’er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "You Are Holy" MV #45 x2

1. You are holy, you show us the way, (4X)

Refrain:

**You show us, you show us, you show us the way,
(4X)**

2. You are freedom, you show us the way (4X)

3. You are justice, you show us the way (4X)

Blessing of the Scarves

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Colossians 1:11–20 . *In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell*

Luke 23:33–43 *“Remember me when you come into your kingdom”*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Message:

“In Between”

Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:**

“Wherever You May Go”

VU #216

Refrain:

Wherever you may go, I will follow,

And your people shall be my people too.

Wherever you may go, I will follow,

For I would be faithful, loyal and true.

Say the word and I will stay,

I will never go away,

We will travel side by side

And God’s love will be our guide. **R**

From beginning to the end

I will always be your friend,

When you need me, I’ll be there,

You can trust my faithful care. **R**

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory Hymn:**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” VU #541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

*** 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 for all your creation. This is our prayer. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” VU #651

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

*** Commissioning / Extinguishing the Candles**

*** 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!**

*** Choral Amen:** "Threefold Amen" VU #967

Postlude

*This bulletin is in loving memory of
~ Richard Gordon Purvis ~
November 23, 1957 - July 1, 1963
From sister, Andrea Purvis*