



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 18, 2026, 10:00 am

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

(* = Please rise in body or spirit) (MV = More Voices)
(VU = Voices United) (TS = Then Let Us Sing)

Music as We Gather

Gathering

***Congregational Introit: "I am the Light"**

VU #87 vs. 1

REFRAIN:

**'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!'
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way
home,
the work of Christmas is begun: R

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

Isaiah says, “Listen! God has given us work to do”.

Surely our cause is with God.

Jesus says, “where are you going?”

We do not need to rush through life.

Jesus says, “what are you looking for?”

We are looking for meaning, hope, and connection.

The light of God shines in us.

Let's shine God's love into all the world!

The light of God's love leads us in worship today.

***Hymn:** “This Is God's Wondrous World” VU #296

This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.

This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

***Hymn:** "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine (3x)

Hide it under a bushel (No!) I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine (3x)

Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine (3x)

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine (3x)

Let it shine in my hometown, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine (3x)

See the light spreading round the world, see all the faces
shine (3x)
Let it shine (3x)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Isaiah 49:1-4 *The mission of God's servant*
John 1:29-42 *Simon and Andrew become disciples*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: **Here We Stand, Lord** *by Price and Besig*
Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: “What’s Your Hurry” *Rev. Don Sellsted*

*** Hymn:** “Abide with Me” VU #436

1 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;
earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O Christ, who changes not, abide with me.

3 I need your presence every passing hour;
what but your grace can foil the tempter’s power?

Who like yourself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4 I have no fear with you at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?
I triumph still, if you abide with me.

5 Hold now your cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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:**

Gracious God, we offer you our gifts with humble hearts. Every gift, whether treasure, time, talent, or our presence, blesses each one and those of your people throughout the Church. Through the work of your Holy Spirit, surprise us with all that our gifts

can accomplish, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** **“Here I Am, Lord”** **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**

* **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!**

* **Sung Benediction:** “Threefold Amen”

VU #967

Postlude

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