



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 10:00am

### Fifth 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

#### Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

#### Recognition of the Land

#### Welcome

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

#### Centring Music

#### Call to Worship

Just as sunrise breaks through the darkness each day,  
**So God's grace, mercy and justice shine forth.**

We gather, with devotion and doubt, with weariness and wonder;

**trusting that God's peace and love are present in this place.**

Come and worship as you are, knowing you are loved.

**We come, rejoicing, to praise God's holy name.**

In honour and praise, let us worship.

\* Hymn: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

VU #356

#### Opening Prayer

#### Holy Communion (please see insert)

#### Listening

#### Learning With Our Children

#### The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine"

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture:

Isaiah 58:1-9a ..... *The fast that God chooses*

Matthew 5:13-18 (19-20) ..... *You are salt; you are light*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: **Let Your Light Shine** by M. MacDonald  
offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **"Salty Christians"**  
Rev. Don Sellsted

\*Hymn: "Called By Earth and Sky" MV #135

#### Celebrating

#### Offering of Our Gifts

#### \*Offertory Hymn:

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" VU #541

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**In glad thanksgiving for your goodness and the blessings in this life, we pray your blessing on us and these gifts that all may be used for the building up of the world you wish for us to create. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Work of the Congregation**

**\*Hymn:**        "Let All Things Now Living"              VU #242

**\*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**