



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

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, 10:00am

**First Sunday in Lent**

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

**Music as We Gather**

**Gathering**

\* **Congregational Introit:** "Spirit Come" by D. MacGregor

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

\* **Litany of Diminishing Light:**

.... Even as the Christ-light shines, the world tries to hide the light of Love. We are here in belief and faith that we can overcome.

**We will not let our Love be hidden.**

**Recognition of the Land**

**Welcome**

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Centring Music**

**Call to Worship**

We have begun the first steps on our Lenten pathway.  
**Can we travel together?**

On this journey we will join others on the road.

**It is good to have the strength of the community with us.**

And on this journey, there will be times we travel alone.  
**As we travel this Way of Jesus, we journey together, but also alone.**

These are the passageways to our faith:

**To love God with all that we are, to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.**

Reconnecting and strengthening our faith:

**Loving Christ's call as stewards on the Way.**

Let us worship.

\* **Hymn:** "My Lord, What a Morning" VU #708

**Opening Prayer**

**Listening**

**Learning With Our Children**

**The Lord's Prayer**

\***Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Shout, Shout" MV #183

**Mission and Service**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

Exodus 24:12-18 .....*God calls Moses up the mountain*

Matthew 4:1-11..... *The temptation of Jesus*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** **Bless Us Now This Day** *by D. Wagner*  
*offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:**            **“The Temptations”**

*Rev. Don Sellsted*

**\*Hymn:**            “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”       VU #670

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

**\*Offertory Hymn:**

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

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**God of Grace, we offer our gifts in thanksgiving for all  
the goodness you provide. Bless our gifts and our  
lives so that we become a source of goodness and  
kindness for others, in the name of Christ, our  
strength and our hope. Amen**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Work of the Congregation**

**\*Hymn:**        “We are Marching in the Light of God”       VU #646

**\*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:**        “My Peace”

### **Postlude**

*In loving memory of husband, Reverend Ray Francis*

*Love, Sheila*