



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

Sunday, March 01, 2026, 10:00am

Second 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:**

... It is in those very times that we can remember Jesus and the God who never tired of his laments or ours, but rather provided understanding and a way through the difficulty.

God’s love and ours will not be hidden.

Recognition of the Land

Welcome

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

Centring Music

Call to Worship

What a gift! In worship we are drawn into the presence of Christ.

That presence is alive in our hands, hearts, and minds.

What a joy! In worship we have the visible reminders of God: **in Scripture, in songs of faith, in the beauty of God’s people gathered here.**

What a strength! In this place our faith finds a home: **where God befriends us and we befriend one another.**

For these reasons and more, we give God thanks and praise!
Come, let us worship!

* **Hymn:** “Be Thou My Vision” VU #642

Opening Prayer

Membership Transfer (see insert)

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn:** “Kum Ba Yah”

Profession of Faith (see insert)

A New Creed

Mission and Service

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

John 3:1-17 Nicodemus learns “God so loved the world.”
 The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **Lift Thine Eyes** *by Medelsshon*
offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **“Night Winds”**
Rev. Don Sellsted

***Hymn:** “10,000 Reasons” TLUS #35

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

***Offertory Hymn:**

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

***Offertory Prayer:**

Generous God, we offer our gifts to you in gratitude for all we receive in Christ and in creation. Bless our gifts and our lives, such that we can share in the building up of the world you so love. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Work of the Congregation

***Hymn:** “One More Step Along the World I Go” VU #639

***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