



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 10:00 am

Transfiguration Sunday

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

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

Centring Music

Call to Worship

It is good to gather here today.

For we are on Holy Ground.

We could stay right here in the comfort of each other's company.

We cherish these moments together in God's house.

And yet, we know there is more to do.

We are called to reach beyond our walls.

To be Christ's mind, hands and feet in our time,

Transforming the world to be a better place for all.

This morning, let us cherish these moments...

For our journey will continue.

May our transformation continue in our worship today.

***Hymn:** "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" VU #103

How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here,
your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past
and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified,
and our redemption see!

Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come:
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home!

How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but, since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "I've Got Peace Like a River" VU #577

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

Mission and Service

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

2 Peter 1:16-21 *The morning star rises in your hearts*
Matthew 17:1-9 *Jesus transfigured on the mountain*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **The Light Still Shines** *by N.Sleeth*
Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **Transformers** *Rev. Don Sellsted*

* **Hymn:** "Bless the Lord, Oh my Soul"

TS #35

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, o my soul.

O my soul, worship your holy name.

Sing like never before,

O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;

It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. **R**

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.

Your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **R**

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come,

Still, my soul will sing your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forever more! **R**

Sing final Refrain and repeat "I'll worship your holy name" (x2)

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:**

God of our hearts, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we have received through our trust in Christ, your Son. Take our gifts and our acts of love for the transformation of the world we are called to create. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Work of the Congregation

*** Hymn:** “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” VU #315

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*** 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