



# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 15, 2026, 10:00 am

## PIE Day Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Music as We Gather

### Gathering

\* **Introit:**

“Spirit Come”

*D. MacGregor*

Spirit Come, Spirit Come, Spirit Come, Spirit Come  
Open our eyes, open our hearts Come, Spirit Come  
(Repeat)

### Ringling of Tibetan Singing Bowl

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

We come to celebrate the love of the Creator—for us, for this community, for all Creation. This love reaches into our lives, inspiring us to reach out across social divides—around the corner and around the world. Will we answer the invitation to share this love to make a difference? We light this candle to celebrate the light of Christ, the one who offers unconditional love and acceptance.

### Litany of Diminishing Light

The events of Lent and our own personal reflections constantly remind us that no matter where we are or what has happened, God is here to help us if we ask.

Today we will hear Psalm 23 - someone who has seen grief and hardship in his life. But calling upon God, he is able to come through the deepest valleys of his life and into God's goodness and mercy.

*(the Fourth purple candle is extinguished)*

It is God's promise to be with each of us unconditionally. Nurture those parts of our lives that lead to wholeness and faithfulness.

**God's love and ours will not be hidden.**

## **Recognition of the Land**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## **Centring Music**

### **Moderator's PIE Day Message**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPuXb9fVCZA>

## **Call to Worship**

We come from many places, with different stories and hands ready to work.

**God who made us calls us to weave life together.**

Let us worship in the delights of diversity, and to God who knits community from thread and grace.

**We come to craft community, to listen, to heal, to commit.**

Let us never erect walls but instead build bigger tables.

**Our hope and imagination grow when diverse talents come together.**

Come let us worship God who draws us together today

\* **Hymn:** "Draw the Circle Wide" MV#145

**Refrain:**

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

God the still-point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms. **R**

Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call. **R**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door. **R**

**Opening Prayer**

**Listening**

**Learning With Our Children**

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle

\* **Hymn:** "Over the Rainbow" *by Chris Seymour*

**Mission and Service**

**Prayer for Illumination**



## Celebrating

### Offering of Our Gifts

\* **Offertory:**                    “There Is Room for All”                    MV #62

There is room for all in the shadow of God’s wing;  
there is room for all, sheltered in God’s love.

And I rejoice and sing,

“My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust.”

There is room for all, there is room for all!

*Repeat*

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**Gracious Creator, with all the offerings we bring to your table, today we uplift our offerings of love, kindness and empathy that is public, intentional and explicit. May we use our time talent and treasure to make your creation a better and brighter place for all. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord’s Prayer

\* **Hymn:**                    “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”                    VU #633

Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence,  
the way of give and take.

The trail is found in desert  
and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters,

the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
who share this winding way,  
whose hope burns through the terrors,  
whose love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom  
while often we are bound.  
Together we are seeking  
the road where faith is found.

Divine Eternal Lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise  
where milk and honey flow.  
But waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written  
on roads, as faith is found.

**\* Commissioning and Benediction**

Go from this time with open eyes, ears and hearts,  
ready to encounter the Holy One  
in the daily, in the ordinary, in the flesh.

**We go from this time with a daring and tender  
love, seeking to mend God's beloved creation,  
wherever and whenever we can.**

Know that God who is Love, goes with you,  
Within, beside and far ahead of you.

**We go into this day, into our life,**

trusting that we are held in the loving heart of the  
**Holy Mystery...**  
now and forever. **Amen.**

\* **Sung Benediction:** "My Peace"

My Peace I give unto you.  
It's a peace that the world cannot give.  
It's a peace that the world cannot understand.  
Peace to know, peace to live,  
My peace I give unto you.

### **Postlude**

*This bulletin is dedicated in memory of*  
*Buzz and Barb Hine*  
*who celebrated their March Birthdays together for 68 years!*  
*Love from daughter, Heather Bishop*