



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

Sunday, March 22, 2026, 10:00am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* **Litany of Diminishing Light:**

...Now is the time to let go of all that interferes with our relationship with God and 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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Centring Music

Call to Worship

Our lives may feel disjointed like a valley of dry bones...
but the Spirit of God brings connection and stability to our lives.

The Spirit of God breathes hope into each of us...
and challenges us to be people of faith.

God open's our hearts and bring us confidence...
breaking us free from doubt and fear.

In this place, on this day, we let God embrace and uplift us in worship.

* **Hymn:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" VU #326

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children:

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "Little by little" TLUS #134

Mission and Service

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Ezekiel 37:1-14 The valley of dry bones

John 11:32-44 The raising of Lazarus

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: Peace in the Valley

offered by the Orchard Valley United Steeple Strummers

Message: Separation of Church and Hate

Rev. Don Sellsted

***Hymn:** "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours" MV #171

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

***Offertory Hymn:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

VU#541

***Offertory Prayer:**

We place our gifts into your hands, O God. With the power of your Holy Spirit make them seeds of new life, springing up with hope and healing for weary souls. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Work of the Congregation

***Hymn:** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" VU #509

***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:** "Let It Be"

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Postlude

This bulletin is dedicated to the memory of

Eileen Eisener

Love from daughter, Dawn Boudreau