



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 12, 2026, 10:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Gathering

***Congregational Introit:** "We Are One" VU #402 (vs 1)

We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,
In the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;
And we come needful of God's grace as we meet,
together in this place

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

We gather as people committed to Jesus' words of caring
and serving all.

**We light the Outreach Candle to reflect your
goodness and spirit amongst us.**

We gather as people who cherish and love our great
diversity of life.

**We light the Unity Candles, as love's flame burns
within each of us for a world where all people are
cherished.**

We gather as people open to follow Christ' way.

**The embracing glow of the Christ Candle gives us
hope in Jesus' promise to rejoice and be glad in a
life abundant.**

Recognition of the Land

Welcome

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Centring Music

Call to Worship

God calls us to seek justice:

Christ's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.

God calls us to show kindness,

The hope of Christ shines in places of brokenness.

God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

We join the work of the God in humility and hope.

Called, blessed, and inspired, we sing our praise to you
today in our worship O God.

***Hymn:**

"We Praise You, O God"

VU #218

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "I Can Feel You Near Me God" MV #48

I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
I feel you here
I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
Heaven is here.

Refrain:

**And I'll jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.**

I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me

Always everywhere
I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
I know you're there. **R**

Mission and Service

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Micah 6:1-8..... *God Challenges Israel*
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 *Christ the Power and Wisdom of God*
Matthew 5:1-12 *Blessed are the poor in spirit*

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music: Let All the World be Glad and Sing

by Natalie Sleeth
Offered by Nancy Handrigan, Thea Koenig-Burton, Carmen Peng

Message: Spiritual Components in Everyday Life

by Nancy Handrigan

*** Hymn:** "God of the Sparrow" VU #229

God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbour God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory Hymn:** “What Can I Do?”

MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Gracious God, thank you for the many blessings of our lives. Bless these gifts we give today. May they be used to bring about justice and joy for those who need them most. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Work of the Congregation

*** Hymn:** “Thine is the Glory”

VU #173

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

Refrain:

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. **R**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless
love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **R**

*** 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:**

“Amen”

VU #973

Postlude