



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

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 10:00am

### Third Sunday of Easter – Earth Day

#### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* Congregational Introit: “We Are One” VU #402(vs 1)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Water Blessing

Recognition of the Land

Welcome

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

Centring Music

Call to Worship

Come all who seek the way of love,  
**To praise and worship the God of extravagant  
 welcome.**

Come all who seek vitality...  
**To praise and worship the God of abundant life.**

Come all who seek connection...  
**To praise and worship the God of the beloved  
 community.**

Come all who seek beauty...  
**To praise and worship the God of all creation.**

Come all who seek God as we worship today.

\* Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth” VU #226

Opening Prayer *by Alydia Smith*

As we gather, we are thankful for your Creation:  
**for light and darkness;**  
 for air, wind, and sky;  
**for earth and sea;**  
 for seeds, harvests, and plant life;  
**for sunlight, moonlight, and starlight;**  
 for every creature, swarming, flying, creeping, grazing;  
**and for our lives.**

In our actions, meditations, and prayers,  
**may we honour and celebrate your very good  
 Creation,**

as we seek wisdom on how to share our gratitude and love in  
 good and healing ways.

**Amen.**

#### Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn: “It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker” MV #30

Mission and Service *The Order of the Eastern Star*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

1 Peter 1:17–23..... *Souls purified through obedience*  
 Luke 24:13–35 ..... *Jesus’ appearance on the road to Emmaus*  
 The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

