



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

Sunday, April 26th, 2026, 10:00am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

Welcome

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

Centring Music

Call to Worship

The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us enter with thanksgiving and praise!

The Shepherd restores our souls, satisfies our needs, and leads us on the right path.

The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us live with courage and conviction - not fear and timidity.

Through valleys and storms, chaos and confusion, threats and concerns...

The Shepherd comforts us with power and strength, love and compassion, hope and peace.

The Good Shepherd is the gate.

Let us worship in the presence of the Holy One!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all our days of my life.

On this day, let us dwell in God's presence!

* **Hymn:** "This is the Day" VU #412

Opening Prayer

God who is Shepherd, Gate, and Way, we gather as a community in your presence and in your protection.

Shield us from apathy and isolation.

Fortify us against resignation and despair.

Move us toward justice and righteousness in your name.

As we gather to worship you today, may we be transformed by love, strengthened in grace, and rooted in faith for your glory and your kin-dom come.

Amen.

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "River Running in You and Me" MV #163

Mission and Service

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Psalm 23 (VU#749 refrain 1) *God is my shepherd*

John 10:1-10 *Jesus is the good shepherd and the gate*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **The Shepherd Psalm** by J. Carter
offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **Your Pet Knows** *Rev Don Sellsted*

***Hymn:** “I Have Called You by Your Name” MV #161

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

***Offertory Hymn:** “What Can I Do?” MV #191

***Offertory Prayer**

**Generous God, may these gifts bless our life together,
fortify our ministry, and transform our community.
Receive them as we give them—with gladness and
thanksgiving. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Work of the Congregation

***Hymn:** “May the God of Hope Go with Us” VU #424

***Commissioning / Extinguishing the Candles**

***Benediction**

*** Hymn of Benediction:** “Amen” VU #973

Postlude