

# Orchard Valley United Church

130 Cornwallis Ave.,  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, 10:00 am

## First Sunday After Pentecost

Music as We Gather: *Four Season Brass Quintet*

### Gathering

#### \*Congregational Introit:

“Holy One May Your Presence Here” TLUS#151

Holy One, may your presence here open our minds,  
May your spirit among us help us to find  
You are rising up now like a fountain of grace  
From the holy ground here in this place,  
Here in this place

#### Lighting 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

This is the Day our God has made.

**And we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Let us, with joy in our hearts, worship God.

**\*Hymn:**                   “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”           VU #232

Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;

God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Listening**

## **Learning With Our Children**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "Make a Joyful Noise" - Psalm 100 VU #820

#### **Refrain:**

**Make a joyful noise all the earth!**  
**Worship your God with gladness.**  
**Make a joyful noise all the earth.**  
**Come to this place with a song!**

Know that your God has made you.  
Know it's to God we belong.  
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.  
Worship your God with a song! **R**

Enter these gates, thanks giving.  
Enter these courts with praise.  
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.  
Worship your God with a song! **R**  
Ages through endless ages,

seasons of endless years,  
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.  
Worship your God with a song! **R**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture:**

**Exodus 15: 1-3; 13; 17-21** – *The Joyous Song of Moses & Miriam*

**Psalms 150 - VU #874 (responsive)**- *Praise for God's Joyous Surpassing Greatness*

**Hebrews 11: 29-34; 12: 1-2** – *The Joyous Faith of our Ancestors*

**Matthew 13: 18 – 23** – *The Parable of the Sower – Joy in Faith*

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

**Special Music:** *offered by Four Season Brass Quintet*

**Message:** **Joy: a faithful act in a fractured world**

*by Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte*

**\* Hymn:** “Sing Your Joy” VU #253  
Sing your joy, proclaim God's glory!  
Rise and sing, the morning has come!  
Bless our God and praise all creation;  
song of the earth, and light from heaven:  
God is alive! \*Hallelujah!

All the earth is filled with rejoicing,  
light and life, the wonder of God!  
Christ has triumphed! Risen for ever!  
Joy of our hearts, and hope of our dreaming:  
God is alive! Hallelujah!

May we learn to become your kingdom,  
may we be your kindness and truth!  
Love is our calling, gift of your presence;  
children of God, and spirit of Jesus:  
God is alive! Hallelujah!

Light our way, O God of the living,  
may we learn to see with new eyes!  
Jesus the Lord, our power and promise;  
light for the blind, and food for the hungry:  
God is alive! Hallelujah!

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

**Offertory Music:** *offered by Four Season Brass Quintet*

**\* Offertory Hymn:** "We Praise You, O God" VU #218 vs. 1

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.

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

**Spirit of grace and power, bless these gifts today  
that they accomplish the work needed in Jesus'  
name. We offer ourselves so that our lives may  
faithfully proclaim the Good News with your grace.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Work of the Congregation**

**\* Hymn:**                      “Never Ending Joy”                      MV #40

**Refrain:**

**Never ending joy (6X)**

God of every tribe, every language,  
God of every river and sea,  
God of every mountain and island,  
you bring joy to me.

God of every hill, every valley,  
God of every leaf, every tree,  
God of every cloud, every raindrop,  
you bring joy to me.

God of every song, every story,  
God of every captive set free,  
God of every dance, every footstep,  
you bring joy to me.

**\* Commissioning / Extinguishing the Candles**

**\* Benediction:**

With JOY in our hearts,  
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.  
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

**\* Sung Benediction: "Go Now In Peace"** *by Besig & Price*

***(Accompanied by Four Season Brass Quintet)***

Go now in peace...never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***Postlude - Four Season Brass Quintet***