



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 5, 2026, 10:00 am

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*Congregational Introit:

"Come and Follow Me" *from Seasons of the Spirit*

If anyone would come and follow me, my disciple you
would be.

Leave the past behind, seek and you will find all you're
called to be.

If anyone would come and follow me, know the truth will
make you free

Give and you receive, trust me and believe. Come and
follow me.

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

Welcome to another week's journey with Jesus.

Will the journey be difficult?

Not necessarily. You will have good company.

Will the journey be inconvenient?

Not always, but there could be times.

Will the journey be rewarding?

Fellow travellers on the journey will help make the yolk light and rewarding for the soul.

Let us continue this journey together.

Come then, let us worship.

***Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" VU #710

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. **R**

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "I See a New Heaven" VU #713 vs. 1,2,4

Refrain:

I see a new heaven.

I see a new earth

as the old one will pass away,

where the fountain of life flows

and without price goes

to all people who abide in the land.

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. **R**

There, there where death dies and our lives are born
again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. **R**

There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.

Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land. **R**

Mission and Service

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Galatians 6:7-11*Do what is right, now.*

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.....*The mission of the 70 carrying nothing.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music:

offered by Ari Snyder

Message:

Sauntering

by Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:**

"River Running in You and Me"

MV #163

River running in you and me,
Spirit of life, deep mystery,
Dancing down to the holy sea,
River run deep, River run free.

River laughed on my birthing day,
Wind and water joined in play
Soaked my soul in a shining spray,
River run deep, River run free.

River, cry my name to me,
Lend me hope and memory,

Sing me the story of the holy sea,
River run deep, River run free.

I stand on the edge, lookin' down,
Too scared to swim, afraid I'll drown –
Give me the courage to journey on
River run deep, river run free.

Journey on far from my home,
River – break this heart of stone;
Teach me to love, make me your own,
River run deep, River run free.

Hold me close on the day I die,
Bear me up when my soul is tired,
Carry me home on the rising tide,
River run deep, River run free.

River singin' in you and me,
Spirit of life – deep mystery
Catch us up in your melody
River run deep, River run free.

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, receive our gifts as tokens of our gratitude for your goodness to us. Bless them so that they become seeds of generosity, bringing needed gifts to others in Jesus' name.

Prayers of the People

Work of the Congregation

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

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **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 #967

Postlude

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