



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

Sunday, July 19th, 2026, 10:00am

Rev. Don Sellsted's Farewell Service

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* **Congregational Introit:** "And on This Path" MV #8

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle, recognizing that Christ is in our midst.

May our prayers rise to you like the flame of this candle.

May our hopes dance into your presence...
like the smoke from this flame.

Recognition of the Land

Welcome

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

Centring Music

offered by Nancy Handrigan and Carmen Peng

Call to Worship

Blessed be God.

And blessed be God's name.

God makes everything beautiful in its time.

Whatever God does endures forever.

Blessed be God, all you people;

And all who do God's will.

For everything there is a season; a time to go, and a time to come. Yet the Spirit blows where it will.

And for those who are led by the Spirit, they must follow.

* **Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU #567

Opening Prayer

Service of Baptism *(insert)*

Holy Communion *(insert)* *music offered by Nancy and Carmen*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Philippians 4:1-10, 23*Rejoice in the Lord always*

Matthew 11:28-30*Come to me, all who are weary*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message: **Solidarity** *Rev. Don Sellsted*

Special Music: **Lean on Me** *Bill Withers*
offered by Dave Murphy, Wayne McDonald, Nancy Handrigan

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

*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.

Special Music: **Fields of Gold** *Gordon Matthew Sumner*
 Offered by Ari Snyder

Prayers of the People

Completion of Covenant (insert)

Sending Forth

***Hymn:** “Wherever You May Go” MV #216

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Go now, to follow the way of Christ.

*As you have been a blessing to me, go out to be a blessing
for others.*

**As you have been a blessing to us,
so also may you be a blessing to others.**

*May God, the Source of Love,
bless you in your ministry in this place.*

**May God, the Creator, bless you in your vocational
ministry.**

May Jesus, Love Incarnate, ever be with you and guide you.

**May God, the Son, continue to guide you in all your
journeys.**

*May the Spirit, love’s presence and comfort,
fill you with every good thing.*

May God, the Spirit, be with you always!

Go now, to love and to serve.

Hallelujah!

And the people said!

Amen!

*** Sung Benediction:** “Go, Make a Diff’rence” MV #209

Postlude