



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

Sunday, September 6th, 2026, 10:00am

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Congregational Introit:** "You Are Loved"

M.E. Kish

Lighting the Candles

Recognition of the Land (*words on screen*)

Welcome

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Centring Music

Call to Worship:

As the church of old did, let us gather and receive the delivered messages from our forebearers. Help us read as people of faith and hear and be glad for God's encouraging message. Gathered today may be encourage and strengthen each other. Let us spend some time here, with the blessing of peace as we teach and preach the word of the God.

Pastoral Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Spirit, Open My Heart"

MV #79

Listening

Time with Young and Young at Heart

The Lord's Prayer: "Our Creator..."

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Acts 15: 1-35

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: *offered by Rev. Marion Davis and Nancy Handrigan*

Message: Ethnography – a Pastoral Practice

Rev. Krista Anderson

***Hymn:** "There's a Spirit in the Air"

VU #582

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

Lighting our Vision & Mission Candle

***Offertory Hymn:** "What Does the Lord Require of You"
(x3) VU #701

***Offertory Prayer**

God, as the church of old, let this whole assembly be a church of signs and wonders for what God has done among the peoples of this world. May this wonder pass from our offerings through to the world today.

Prayers of the People

Mission and Service

Work of the Congregation

***Hymn:** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” VU #120

***Extinguishing the Candles**

***Blessing:**

God promised to rebuild David’s fallen tent. God restored it and provided a place where the rest of humankind may seek God. May we also be a people who rebuild and restore, learning as we go. Help us as we go into the world from here today, to share this message of blessing. Amen

*** Sung Benediction:** “Go Now In Peace” *Besig*

Postlude