



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

Sunday, September 13th, 2026, 10:00am
16th Sunday after Pentecost

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:

We discover the signs of God all around us.
We pay attention.

Through the voice of others, through the movement of
Creation,

God still speaks!

God's voice can be ignored but it cannot be silenced.

May we listen for that voice as it speaks to us today!

Creation's voice can be ignored but it cannot be silenced.

**May we listen for these voices as they speak to us
today,**

in this place, our community, and throughout the world.

We listen! We attend!

Pastoral Prayer:

Creator,

**Fill our very being with your word and Spirit today as
we worship you. Open us to experience your totality
through Creation, so our spirits will be lifted up by all
that surrounds us. On this seventh day, may we find
rest and refreshment in our celebration of your
presence and in the wonder of Creation. Amen.**

* Hymn: "Come & Seek the Ways of Wisdom" MV #10

Listening

Learning with Our Children - *Every Child Matters*

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

Hymn: "For everyone born" TLUS #23

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Psalm 98

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **"Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"** *P. Choplin*
Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir
(please raise & wave hands in appreciation if able to do so)

Message: **Wonder & Delight in Creation**

Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte

*Hymn: "Touch the Earth Lightly" VU #307

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

Lighting our Vision & Mission Candle

***Offertory Hymn:** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
VU #541

***Offertory Prayer:**

Loving God, through the life you give us and the bounty therein, we encounter the amazing web of interconnection and of interdependence in your good Creation.

Bless us and our giving as we give back some of that bounty. May we find purpose in all our relationships. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Mission and Service

Work of the Congregation

***Hymn:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” VU #651

***Extinguishing the Candles**

***Blessing**

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

Postlude