

**\*Hymn:** "to God Be the Glory" #098

**Old Testament:**

**New Testament**

**Gospel:** Luke 1:46b-55

**Sermon:** "Cupboard or Burn-barrel?"

**\*Hymn :** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

**Benediction:** (inspired by Philippians 4:4-7, Isaiah 12:2-6)  
With joy may you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
**Amen!**

The health of the living God is among you and within you.  
Go out into the world buoyantly and boldly.  
**Thanks be to God!**

The laughter of the saving Christ,  
the cheerfulness of the lively Spirit,  
and the joy of the everlasting God, be with you now and always.  
**Amen !**

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's Home**  
**Page.** <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

**Sending Forth**

**Postlude**



*Welcome to the Orwell  
Union Church*

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Joys to Share, Birthdays, Anniversaries

### Passing of the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you  
**ALL: and also with you.**

### Prelude

### \*Call to Worship:

Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.  
**Sing praises to the ends of the earth.**  
Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,  
**for great is the Holy One in our midst,**  
**blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.**

### Opening Prayer:

Let us pray that we may be vigilant  
to see the coming of our Lord among us  
(pause)

Our saving God,  
long ago you sent your Son Jesus among us,  
but we have been little aware of his presence  
and we hide him even from others.

Wake us up, make us recognize him,  
that he may be the light of our lives  
and that eagerly we may lead people to him.  
May he build up among us and with us  
a world and a kingdom of peace and love  
where we serve you in one another,  
as we move forward in hope  
to your home of endless joy and rest.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

—from [Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration](#).

\*Hymn:: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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## Giving of Our Tithes and Gifts of Love

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### Doxology

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### Offertory Prayer:

Great God of Heaven and Earth,  
you call us to leave behind our preoccupations  
and to follow you into the future.  
Sometimes we find your call challenging.  
We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present.  
May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness  
to follow where you lead.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

~ posted on the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan.  
<http://www.umfmichigan.org/offerprayers.html>

## Childrens Time **The Joy of Christmas**

### Prayers for God's People and the Lord's Prayer

### Responsive Reading: *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***  
**and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say, \***  
**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \***  
**and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**