

Welcome!

A warm welcome to all who gather for worship.
If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the stairwell.

Thank you to **Rev Ivan and Judy Norton** for presiding today.

Thank you also to:

Greeter/Reader Dorothy Robbins
Organists Thea Burton, Charlotte Peng
Lemonade on the Lawn Lynn McLelland, Sharon Ross
Tellers Betty Curry, Dorothy Robbins
Custodian Heather McKinley



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Orchard Valley Pastoral Charge

Worship Service

Sundays in July and August at 11:00 am

at the

Covenanter Church

(1989 Grand Pré Road, Grand Pré, NS)



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Sunday, July 2, 2017 – 11:00 am

Order of Worship

GATHERING

Prelude Music

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: All power is yours, Almighty God.

All: Creator of mountains, origin of life, source of countless galaxies.

One: All good is yours, Compassionate God.

All: Inspiring the caregivers, sustaining the powerless, motivating those who seek justice.

One: All hopefulness is yours, Eternal God.

All: Encouraging the downhearted, lighting the dark places, defeating death.

One: All love is yours, Parent God.

All: You form our faith community, you give life to your people and value this troubled planet. We praise you, world without end. Amen.

Song to Gather: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU #400 (x2)

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

O God, you have set before us a great hope that your kingdom will come on earth, and have taught us to pray for its coming; make us ready to thank you for the signs of its dawning, and to pray and work for the perfect day when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" VU #651

LISTENING

Readings from the Scriptures:

Psalm 23 VU p.749 (with Refrain #2)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-13

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" VU #660

Sermon: **The Faith We Sing:
How Firm a Foundation**

RESPONDING

Offering of Gifts: (Doxology VU #541)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low;

Give thanks to God in love made known;

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Offertory Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

We do not meet all the people that our gifts reach, we cannot feel their pain or know their struggle. But we give with generous hearts; and we give in faith, for we know that you, Loving God, will bless the compassion, the freedom, and the community that these gifts make possible. Amen.

Prayers for the Day and the Prayer of Jesus

Hymn: "We Have This Ministry" VU #510

Benediction:

The Way of Christ leads from here with joy, compassion and wisdom. Go on your way with Christ beside you and Love for all within you. Go in peace. Amen.

Postlude Music