

## 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 **The Rev Robert Chapman** for presiding today.

### Thank you also to:

Greeter/Reader ..... Sharon Ross  
Organists ..... Thea Burton, Charlotte Peng  
Lemonade on the Lawn ..... Dorothy Robbins, Ann Miller  
Tellers ..... Betty Curry, Carol Wooster  
Custodian ..... Heather McKinley



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## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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)



**ORCHARD VALLEY PASTORAL CHARGE**  
**The United Church of Canada**

Sunday, July 16 – 11:00 am

***Anniversary Order of Worship***

**GATHERING**

Prelude Music

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Song to Gather: “Sing a Happy Hallelujah” #224

Gathering Prayer: (unison) #648

God of the Way,  
you are the road we travel,  
and the sign we follow;  
you are bread for the journey,  
and the wine of arrival.

Guide us as we follow in your way,  
holding on to each other,  
reaching out to your beloved world.

And when we stray,  
seek us out and find us,  
set our feet on the path again,  
and lead us safely home.

In the name of Jesus, our Companion, we pray.  
Amen.

Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” #232

**LISTENING**

Readings from the Scriptures:

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Hymn: “Spirit Dancing” #388

Sermon: Seedy Thoughts

**RESPONDING**

Offering of Our 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: (unison)

Dear God, we thank you for your many blessings, the ones of which we are always aware and especially the ones that we sometimes forget. In Christ’s name, we dedicate our offerings of tithes, talent and time to you and your ways. Amen.

Prayers for the Day

Prayer of Jesus

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

Benediction

Postlude Music