

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 John F. Gertridge** for presiding today.

Thank you also to:

Greeter/Reader Beth Crosby
Organists Thea Burton, Charlotte Peng
Lemonade on the Lawn Beth Crosby, Maggie Keppie
Tellers Betty Curry, Carol Wooster
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 23, 2017 – 11:00 am

Order of Worship

GATHERING

Prelude Music

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Hear the Valley waking as it sings God's praise!

All: **Praise! sing the pipers on the sand,
Praise! sing the eagles in the pine,
Praise! sing the starlings from the vines.
Praise to God! Be new! Be loved!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**

Song to Gather: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #226, v1
and refrain

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

**God of all times and all places, here we are to meet
again, love's hands and voices, the wordless mystery
of mercy given, and received, the outward signs of
inward grace.**

How *good* it is to be here!

**Here we are, seeking mercy for our part in the world's
sadness.**

How *right* it is to be here!

**And here we are, professing your pardon, your mercy,
your peace.**

How *glad* we are to be here!

We are here, and we are your family, in Jesus Christ!

Hymn: "God Who Gives to Life its Goodness" #260

LISTENING

Reading from the Scriptures:

The Gospel of Matthew 21:28-31

Hymn: "Unto the Hills" Psalm 121, p. 842

Sermon: **Just a Second**

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)

**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 and the Prayer of Jesus

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

Benediction

Postlude Music