

## 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 Trent Cleveland-Thompson**  
for presiding today.

### Thank you also to:

Greeter/Reader..... Maggie Keppie  
Organists..... Charlotte Peng  
Lemonade on the Lawn..... Vangé Leslie, Jan Porter  
Tellers ..... Betty Curry  
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 29, 2018 – 11:00 am

***Order of Worship***

**GATHERING**

**Prelude Music**

**Welcome to the Covenanter**

**Opening Sentences:** *(responsively)*

One: We are awakened from a week of work and worry to a morning of fresh beginnings and new horizons.

**All: For this day of rest we give thanks and praise.**

One: We are awakened from a night of tossing and turning to a day of surprises and sanctuary.

**All: For this day of peace we give thanks and praise.**

One: We are awakened from the mundane and ordinary by an invitation for search and celebration.

**All: For this time of celebration we give thanks and praise.**

One: This is the day that we are given.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: This is a day like no other!

**All: For senses awakened we give thanks and praise.**

Blessed be!

**Act of Awareness:** *(unison)*

**Is it morning, really morning, or is it just another day?**

**A new beginning or just a continuing yesterday...?**

**May we greet each day as gift and blessing,**

**fold its promise into who we will become,**

**and live the fullness of its teachings:**

**new thoughts, new ideas, new potentials,**

**new promises.**

**May it be so. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Morning Has Broken" #409

**Welcome**

**LISTENING**

**Readings:** A Poem "Church Going" by Philip Larkin  
From the Hebrew Scriptures, Exodus 3:1-5

**Hymn:** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" #325

**Sermon:** "Escape to the Country"

**Affirmation:** A New Creed #918

**Hymn:** "The Church of Christ in Every Age" #601  
Alt. Tune: Wareham (#529)

**RESPONDING**

**Offertory Sentences**

**Offertory Response:** (Doxology #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. Amen.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Prayer of Jesus:** The Lord's Prayer (unison) #921

**Hymn:** "God of Life" #528

**Benediction**

**Postlude Music**