

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 Wray** for presiding today.

Thank you also to:

Greeter/Reader Jim Keech
Organists Chantal and Charlotte Peng
Lemonade on the Lawn Maggie Keppie
Tellers Vangé Leslie, Jim Keech
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)



ORCHARD VALLEY PASTORAL CHARGE
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Sunday, August 26, 2018 – 11:00 am

Order of Worship

Prelude Music

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Be still and know that God is.

All: God was, also, in the beginning.

One: And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

All: From everlasting to everlasting, God is God, and alone is worthy to be worshipped.

Opening Prayer:

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. Gracious God, we gather this morning in this house of worship which, thanks to your love, is our home away from home. We come to add our human voices to the chorus of praise raised by your creation! We come as we are – distracted and weary, hopeful and open – know that you accept us and are ever mindful of our cares and joys. Still in us now the many voices that clamor for attention, that we might center ourselves upon you. Speak to us in word and melody and quiet, that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened for your service.

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

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Peace of Christ

Readings from the Scriptures:

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-23

Three Minutes of Silence

Sermon

Hymn: “We are Pilgrims” #595

Offering of Gifts: (Doxology #242 v1)

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.*

Offertory Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

We dedicate this money as one evidence of our stewardship, loving God. Our silver and gold have no value except as they are invested according to your purposes. Our lives gain value as we give our time and talents in loving service. Use all that we have and give to build the community you intend, through Christ our Lord.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: “Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.*

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth” #226

Blessing

Postlude Music