

**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 10, 2021, 10:00 am

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles**

*** Hymn:** “Spirit God, Be Our Breath” MV #150 v1

Spirit God: be our breath,
be our song. Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward,
defensive, withdrawn...
Spirit God, be our song.

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace that Christ gives be with you.
And also with you!

*** Call to Worship:**

As we arrive once again to be in the presence of the baptismal waters, why do we come?

To be reminded that God's love.

Why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus came to be baptized as one of us.

And to what are we baptized?

We are baptized into a community of faith.

And why?

To grow together, infuse by the love and work of the community.

Come, let us worship.

*** Hymn:** "When Jesus Comes to be Baptized"

VU #100
vs. 1,3-5

When Jesus comes to be baptized,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of humankind.

He will not quench the dying flame,
and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound injustice dealt,
and out of death his triumph make.

O Spirit help us be like Christ:
to live in love and charity,
to walk in truth and justice now,
and grow in Christian dignity.

We praise you, God, source of all life,
we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift;
your triune presence fills our world.

*** Opening Prayer**

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-5
Mark 1:4-11

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"
Offered by David Murphy

Sermon: **Seafood Casserole and Pickles**

*** Hymn:** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath" MV #150 v4

Spirit God: be our breath,
be our song. Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge,
we'll greet the new dawn...
Spirit God, be our song.

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide"

MV #145

Refrain:

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **R**

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **R**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R**

* Commissioning

*** Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
Thanks be to God!

Music as We Depart