

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 9, 2021, 10:00 am

6th Sunday of Easter

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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

* **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**

Refrain:

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

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People:

Welcome in Christ's name. We gather today by acknowledging we are in Mi'kma'ki (MEEG-MA-GEE), the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq (MEEG-MA) People, recognizing that the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet people signed with the British Crown, recognized their title to the land and established what was supposed to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

May we live with respect on this land and in peace and friendship with its people.

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

*** Call to Worship:**

Let us gather together all who would hear the word of the lord.

Let us carry out the love and mercy of God to every heart.

Let our lives bear witness that God's mercy and grace are real

For when we were each yet lost god sent the Christ to bring us home.

Let us raise our voices in song and praise for God's healing love!

Blessed be the name of the lord!

* Hymn:

“Deep in our Hearts”

MV #154

Deep in our hearts
there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts
there is a common song;
deep in our hearts
there is a common story,
telling Creation
that we are one.

Deep in our hearts
there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts
there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts
there is a sacred message,
justice and peace
in harmony.

Deep in our hearts
there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts
there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts
there is a common current,
flowing to freedom
like a stream.

Deep in our hearts
there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts
there is a common song;
deep in our hearts
there is a common story,
telling Creation
that we are one.

*** Opening Prayer**

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: John 15:9–17

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **We Are Family**

*Offered by: Norma Mailman, Christina Macdonald,
Chris Seymour, Dave Murphy*

Sermon: **The Risk to Love Each Other**

*** Hymn:** "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" MV #138

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Go Make a Difference" MV #209

Refrain:

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

(2 more times)

We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.

We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

Refrain:

*Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.*
(2 more times)

We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction:**

Lord, you chose us, that we might go where you would have us go and do what you would have us do. Send us with humility and courage and most of all love this world has much to learn about the miracles right by humility in the wonders worked by courage but it has most to learn about the mysteries revealed by the gentle touch of love. And the people of God said...**AMEN!**

Music as we Depart