

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 13, 2021

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Hymn:

“And on This Path”

MV #8

And on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gate are open wide!

So enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide,
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gate are open wide!

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

God of our every thought and sustainer of our communities,
we gather as your people.

Whether our faith is struggling or strong than ever,
our faith is enough to do great things.

Assure us of your presence once again,
that we may trust the mysteries in life.

In the wondrous garden of creation, let us worship.

Hymn: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" VU #516

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:

Harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For our God, one day, shall come,
and shall take this harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Even so, God, quickly come
to your final harvest home!
Gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified,
in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:6–10, 14–17
 Mark 4:26–34

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music:

“The Prayer”

Offered by Thea Burton and Kevin Yungman

Sermon:

Dandelion Seeds

Hymn:

“I See a New Heaven”

VU #713

Refrain:

*I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.*

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. **R**

There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. **R**

There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. **R**

There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land. **R**

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "In the Bulb there is a Flower"

VU #703

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

Music as We Depart