

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 20, 2021

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Hymn: “What Does the Lord Require of You” VU #701

What does our God require of us?

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Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

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:

Creating God—God beyond all that divides humankind,
**who surprises us always,
who's first people were all people,
who loves all creation.**

Help us love the diversity of cultures in your creation.

**Help us accept all varieties of expressing
who we are as a people – your people.**

Help us celebrate as we learn from other cultures and traditions.

**That we may learn to love each other as you love us,
Through wonder, truth and integrity.**

Let us celebrate in worship now.

Hymn:

“Teach Me, God, to Wonder”

VU #299

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.

Refrain:

*Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.*

Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. **R**

Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. **R**

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 6:1–13
 Mark 4:35–41

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

Special Music: “Murphy’s Garden Song”
 Offered by Dave & Donna Murphy

Sermon: **Good Neighbours**

Hymn: “Let’s Build a House” MV #1

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R**

Refrain:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where love is found,
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us; **R**

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear
the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **R**

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **R**

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Through Ancient Walls" VU #691

Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!

Refrain:

*Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!*

When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack. **R**

The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new. **R**

The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name! **R**

This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery! **R**

Refrain:

*Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!*

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