

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 27, 2021

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

A Moment for Pride

Lighting of the Red Candle:

We light the red candle, symbolizing life in all its richness.
Come, let us worship, learn, and celebrate together.

*** Hymn:** "Let us 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**

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**

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

*** Call to Worship:**

Creating God—God beyond Gender,
**Whose ways are flawless,
who surprises us always,
who molded the first and the last person in
the spirit of love and perfection,
and who loves all creation.**

Help us love the diversity of your creation.

**Help us accept all varieties of gender
in ourselves and in others.**

Help us celebrate those who are different from us,

**That we may learn to love each other as you love us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
both human and divine.**

*** Opening Prayer**

Lighting of the Orange Candle:

We light the orange candle, symbolizing healing.

*** Hymn:** “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” MV #10

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.

Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in all the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

"M Is for Mustache" *written by Catherine Hernandez*
Offered by Micah Davis

Minute for Mission

Scripture: Acts 15:5-13

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

Lighting of the Yellow Candle:

We light the yellow candle, symbolizing sunlight.

Special Music: "Over the Rainbow"

*Offered by Chris Seymour (Harmonica)
Accompanied by Ken Hassell*

Lighting of the Green Candle:

We light the green candle, symbolizing nature.

Sermon: **Food for All**

* **Hymn:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU #371

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. **R**

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share. **R**

Lighting of the Blue Candle:

We light the blue candle, symbolizing harmony.

Celebrating

Prayers of the Community

The Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the Purple Candle:

We light the purple candle, symbolizing Spirit.

*** 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.

Prayer by a Survivor

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction** "May God's Sheltering Wings" MV #214

May God's sheltering wings,
Her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
Her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in Her love,
and hold you in Her love.

Music as We Depart