

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 11, 2021, 10:00 am

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Hymn: “Lord, Prepare Me To Be a Sanctuary” MV #18 x2

Lord, prepare me
to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy
tried and true;
with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous Peoples

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship:

Come into this house of the Holy with song and dance.

We have come to worship the Creator of heaven and earth, seas and rivers, and all that dwells within.

God's faithfulness beckons us to join in a time of celebration...

as we gather in God's holy place.

To wrestle with justice and sing of peace...

and seek to know God's wisdom and mercy.

Let us enter God's rhythm of life in worship.

Hymn:

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

VU #271
vs. 1,2,4,5

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.

Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scripture: Psalm 24
Mark 6:14-29

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

Sermon: **Now Don't Do That**

Hymn: "When Hands Reach Out" MV #136

When hands reach out and fingers trace
the beauty of a loved one's face,
we thank you, God, that love relies
on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.

When fingers spell and signs express
our prayer and praise and thankfulness
we thank you, God, that hands can sing;
you bless the silent songs we bring.

When broken bodies will not mend,
we thank you, God, for Christ our friend.
In him, our healing can begin:
he welcomes all the wounded in.

And when the ways we learn and grow
are not the ways that others know,
we thank you, God, that we have learned
your love's a gift, and never earned.

Your Spirit gives us differing ways
to serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be
your able, strong community.

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "May the God of Hope Go with Us" VU #420

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

*Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. 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.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**