

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 15, 2021, 10:00 am

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Hymn: "Holy Spirit come into our lives" MV06 x2

Refrain:

Holy Spirit, come into our lives.

Holy Spirit, make us truly wise.

Give us a spirit of wisdom, an understanding heart.
Give us a spirit of knowledge, and lead us to the truth. **R**

Give us a spirit of courage, and judgment that is wise.
Give us a spirit of rev'rence, of wonder and of awe. **R**

Spirit of love and compassion, give hope to all the poor.
Spirit of justice and mercy, come open ev'ry door. **R**

Spirit of all consolation, O lift our hearts this day.
Spirit of all understanding, O help us know your way. **R**

Spirit of light and of wisdom, O lift us from our sorrow.
Spirit of peace and forgiveness, O help us face tomorrow. **R**

Spirit of strength and of healing, bend stubborn hearts and will.
Spirit of trust and of caring, O melt us, warm our chill. **R**

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship:

May all feel a sense of belonging in this place
We gather together as one community, as one people
May we learn and unlearn together
We come with open hearts and open minds
May the wisdom of God carry us forward
God be with us

Hymn: “Come and Seek the ways of Wisdom” MV10

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.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: 1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: **The Wisdom of Unlearning**

Hymn: "Make me a channel of your peace"

VU684

Refrain:

*O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you: (R)

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy. (R)

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn:	"Long Before my Journey Starts"	MV63
	Long before my journey's start, When in my youth I searched in my heart, I would pray for her, wait for her, Wisdom, my road, my goal, and my star.	

From the blossom to the seed,
long has she filled my cup in need,
May I cling to her vine, taste of her wine,
Wisdom, my life, my perfect design.

When I stretched my hands to the sky,
When in despair my soul raise a cry,
I was saved by her gaze, led in her ways,
Wisdom, my love, the light of my days.

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!**