

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 5, 2021, 10:00 am

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Hymn: "Circle of God" MV #37 vs. 1 & 2

Each blade of grass, ev'ry wing that soars,
the waves that sweep across a distant shore,
make full the circle of God.

Each laughing child, ev'ry gentle eye,
a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky,
make full the circle of God.

Each silent paw, ev'ry rounded stone,
the buzz that echoes from a honey'd comb,
make full the circle of God.

Each fire-brimmed star, ev'ry out-stretched hand,
the wind that leaps and sails across the land,
make full the circle of God.

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

In gathering, we open our hearts to hear words of compassion.

Help us to listen to the holiness surrounding us.

We open our spirits to strengthen our faith.

Help us to work together for peace and justice.

We open eyes, ready to serve.

Help us be a witness to the healing love shared here.

We open our lives, ready for change, ready to worship.

Hymn:

“Spirit God, Be Our Breath”

MV #150

Spirit God: be our breath,
be our song. Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on.

Our world seems inward,
defensive, withdrawn...

Spirit God, be our song.

Patient God: soothe our pride,
calm our fear. Comfort us.

When we know you are near
we grow more certain
our vision is clear.

Patient God, calm our fear.

Loving God: be our voice,
be our prayer. Reaching out,
joining hands as we share,
we seek your guidance through
friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.

Spirit God: be our breath,
be our song. Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge,
we'll greet the new dawn...
Spirit God, be our song.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Isaiah 35:4-7a
Mark 7:24-37

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

Special Music: Inseparable

Sermon: I Could be Wrong

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

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

“Draw the Circle Wide”

MV #145

Refrain:

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. R

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. R

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. 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!**