

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

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, September 26, 2021, 10:00 am

### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

**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 you?  
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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**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

## Call to Worship:

We come and worship God's creation.

**We are in awe of heaven and earth.**

Delight in all of God's creation.

**All creation is good, very, very good.**

Creation generously provides all that we need,

**purpose and meaning for all life and all lives.**

And to value creation and one another.

**God has created us to be one Family.**

Let us come into worship with gratitude.

## Hymn:

"She Comes Sailing on the Wind"

VU #380

### REFRAIN:

She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night,  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.  
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon  
the earth,  
like a mother breathing life into her child.

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given  
sight  
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and  
form.

Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts  
found new delight,  
and then down the ages still she flew on. R

To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,  
a whisper softly calling in the dark,  
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would  
never end,  
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

Flying to the river, she waited circling high  
above the child now grown so full of grace.  
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from  
the sky,  
and she carried him away in her embrace. R

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the  
world,  
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,  
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings  
unfurled,  
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. R

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Listening**

## **Children's Time / Time for all Ages**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** "Go Make a Difference" MV #209 Refrain x2

Refrain:

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

## **Minute for Mission**

**Scriptures:** Mark 9:38-50

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** Joyful, Joyful

*Offered by The Rewind Band*

**Sermon:** Salt in the Soul

**Hymn:** "Let there be Light" VU #679

Let there be light,  
let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather,  
let them be face to face;

open our lips,  
open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord  
opening into grace;

perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgement,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain;

hallow our love,  
hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom,  
hallowed be your name;

your kingdom come,  
your spirit turn to language,  
your people speak together,  
your spirit never fade;

let there be light;  
open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.

## **Celebrating**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn:** "Sent out in Jesus' Name"

MV #212

Sent out in Jesus' name,  
Our hands are ready now  
To make the world the place  
In which the kingdom comes. (X2)

The angels cannot change  
A world of hurt and pain  
Into a world of love,  
Of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do,  
To set it really free.  
O help us to obey,  
And carry out your will.

**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!**