

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 3, 2021, 10:00 am

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Introit: “Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary” MV #18

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

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

We are Canadian, Indigenous, Scottish, Swedish, South African,
Ukrainian, Chinese, Dutch, and so much more.

**We may have pride in our heritage. And yet, we are also
brothers and sisters, siblings in faith.**

Followers of Jesus across the globe may well be sharing in a Worldwide Communion feast.

As we break bread, as we drink from the cup of life, we engage in the great community of faith.

Let us nourish our body, mind and soul in worship today.

Hymn: “It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker” MV #30

It’s a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It’s a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea.

Refrain:

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

It’s a call of life to the Giver,
when waves and waterfalls roar,
it’s a call of life to the Giver,
when high tides break on the shore. R

It’s a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum-a-long.
It’s a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song. R

It’s the chorus of all creation;
it’s sung by all living things,
it’s the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings. R

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Come, Children, Join to Sing"

VU #345

Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!
Christ calls his people friends,
the helpless he defends,
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!

Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!
The whole creation o'er
let all God's love adore,
singing for evermore: Hallelujah!

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Psalm 26
Mark 10:2-16

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

Anthem: **How Great Thou Art**

Offered by The Rewind Band

Sermon: **It's Love, Silly**

Hymn: "Three Things I Promise" MV #176

Three things I promise, Holy God,
In age and youth, in life and death:
To bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
And listen for the Spirit's breath.

Your love unfolded time and space,
And life, and all that life became,
And so, with thankful heart and voice,
Through good and ill, I bless your Name.

I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
Amid our culture's tides and trends,
For here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

Enlivened as the Spirit moves
To cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
May seed and grow in all I do.

If I should live when vigour fades,
And family and friends are gone,
Three acts of loving faith remain
When days are slow, and work is done.

Revive and guide me, Living God,
As day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
And listen for the Spirit's breath.

Holy Communion

Hymn:

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

VU #481

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

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!**