



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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 6, 2023, 10:00 am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Emancipation Day Sunday

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity, and Christ Candles

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

Welcome to worship today.

Thank you. We're glad to be here.

Some have come seeking; some have come struggling.

**Spirit, be with each one of us today. Feed our
hearts and souls with your transforming love.**

God is truly with us all today, guiding, lifting, feeding,
restoring our souls.

Praise be to God who continually abides with us.

Come, for all people are loved, cherished, and affirmed.

No one is exempt from the love of God.

In our treasured freedom of body and soul, let us worship
in the sweet name of Jesus now.

*** Hymn:** “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” VU #344

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds,
and drives away all fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

The effort of my heart is weak,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you whom I seek,
I'll praise you as I ought.

Opening Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages *Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte*

The Lord's Prayer VU #910

*** Hymn:** "Let All Things Now Living" VU #242

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Scripture:

Genesis 32:22-31..... *Jacob wrestles with God.*

Matthew 14:13-21 *Feeding more than 5,000.*

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

Special Music: His Eye is on the Sparrow

*Lyrics by Cavilla Martin; music by Mark Hayes
Offered by Cupido Daniels and Carmen Peng*

Message: **Just Do It!** *Rev. Don Sellsted*

*** Hymn:** "Spirit of the Living God" VU #376

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "What Can I Do?" MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Creator, in thankfulness to you and all that you do, we offer these gifts to continue your work here in this place. Receive not only our gifts but also receive us, the givers. Created us in love, and with love, you continue to be with us. Use us to proclaim the dignity of all persons and the love you have for us all. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn: “My Love Colours Outside the Lines” MV #138**

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I’ve never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I’ve never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We’ll never walk on water
if we’re not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we’ll never move the gravestones
if we’re not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I’ve never

been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

*** 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!**

***Hymn of Benediction:** **Amen**

Postlude