



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 13, 2023, 10:00 am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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:

From near and far, we gather to be in worship today.

Gathering in unity is what true worship is all about!

Diversity makes us strong.

Through it we grow, learn, and support one another in our journeys.

We are friends, family, acquaintances, and strangers...

how good it is to worship together!

As individuals, we are each wonderfully unique...

and brilliantly bound in the commandment to love.

On the land or sea, in the valley, on the mountain, or at the lakeshore, wherever we've come from, all are welcome here.

*** Hymn: “Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” VU #563**

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain:

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour. **R**

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. **R**

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

*** Hymn:**

“Jesus Loves Me”

VU #365

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.'

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Scripture:

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28..... *Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers.*

Matthew 14:22–33 *Jesus walks across stormy waters.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: God on the Mountain

Offered by Frank Hartman

Message:

No Favourites Here

Rev Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:**

"We Are One"

VU #402

We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "How Great Thou Art" VU #238 vs. 4

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

*** Offertory Prayer:**

**Creator, in gratitude for all that you do, steady our
fears as we offer these gifts to continue your work
here amongst us. Created as one people, you care
for us all with the same radical and amazing love.
Receive not only our gifts but also receive us, the
givers. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** “Will Your Anchor Hold” VU #675

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!**

It will surely hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. **R**

It will surely hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;
on the rising tide it can never fail
while our hopes abide within the veil. **R**

When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,
the city of gold, our harbour bright,
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
with the storms all past for evermore. **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!**

***Hymn of Benediction: Amen**

Postlude