



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 10:00 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit**

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:

Sing songs of hope and peace.

The love of God and the hope of creation uplift us.

Sing songs of mercy and grace.

God's compassion and forgiveness are the foundations of our lives.

Sing songs of righteousness and unity.

Jesus' guiding love brings us together in welcoming everyone into worship here.

This is who we are, people of inclusivity, justice, peace, hope, and love.

Praise God, for this Day that God has surely made.

*** Hymn:**

“This is the Day”

VU #412

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;

we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

*** Hymn:** "Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope"

MV #33

Jesus came bringing us hope
Jesus came bringing us hope,
Jesus came bringing us hope,
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us peace
Jesus came bringing us peace,
Jesus came bringing us peace,
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us love
Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us joy
Jesus came bringing us joy,
Jesus came bringing us joy,
hallelujah forever more!

Scripture:

Romans 13:8–14 *Owe no one anything but love.*

Matthew 18:15–20 *Where two or three are gathered in my name.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Message: **The Corner Cabinet** *Rev. Don Sellsted*

*** Hymn:** “Spirit, Open My Heart” MV #79

Refrain:

**Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that’s kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. **R**

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. **R**

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. **R**

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** “Grant Us, God, the Grace” VU #540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

**Inspiring God, you call us worthy. We are inspired
to treat each person as a cherished child of you,
Holy God. We are united in your vision to live in
harmony with one another, and all creation. With
gratitude we ask that you help us achieve a
foundation of generosity toward one another and
your world. Receive not only our gifts but also
receive us, the givers. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:**

“We are Pilgrims”

VU #595

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

*** 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**

Postlude

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*In loving memory of
~Vernon MacDonald~
From wife, Mary and family*