



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



**Re-dedication of
Orchard Valley United Church
and
Celebration of a Covenant between
Orchard Valley Pastoral Charge,
Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte,
and The Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council
of the United Church of Canada
Sunday, September 17, 2023, 2:00 pm**

Gathering Outside

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Land

Blessing of Holy Ground

Gathering Inside

*** Introit:** "What is the Place" *Songs for A Gospel People*

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity, and Christ Candles

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

Friends, scripture teaches us that the Church is the body
of Christ, the household of God,

Christ being the head and cornerstone.

We gather as one in Christ's name to rejoice with Orchard Valley United Church,

and to dedicate this renovated and expanded church building, in Christ's service.

Come, let us worship God,

celebrating the power of the Holy Spirit at work through us in this sacred place.

Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

Prayer

Welcome - Chair of Council Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk

Statement of Purpose - Our Journey

Greetings

Rev. Gloria Churchill

Rev. Ivan Norton

Hymn: "Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary" MV# 18 x3

Blessing of the Building

To the glory of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit,

we re-dedicate this house.

For the service of God in praise and prayer,

for the preaching of the Gospel,

for the wisdom of our Hebrew texts,

and for the celebration of the Sacraments,

we re-dedicate this house.

To comfort all who mourn,

to guide the perplexed,

and to strengthen those who are tempted,
we re-dedicate this house.

To hallow our relationships with God and one another,
to teach young and old, and to nourish all who believe,
we re-dedicate this house.

To love all of God's people, the young and the not so
young, people of every ethnicity and heritage, all of us in
our varied and beautiful gender identity and expression,
ability, and economic status,
we re-dedicate this house.

For the good of all creation, for this community and
nation, for the extension of God's love throughout the
world, and for the healing that love brings,
we re-dedicate this house.

Declarations

In the name of Jesus, our Christ, we declare and re-dedicate this house, Orchard Valley United Church, and all it contains, to continue to be dedicated to the service of God.

**We again dedicate ourselves to follow Christ,
promising to care for this building and all it
contains, for the glory and service of God.**

Hymn: "Let's Build a House"

MV #1

Celebration of Covenant

Prayer

The New Creed

Hebrew Scripture

Ruth 1:16

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Reflection:

Rev. Don Sellsted

Special Music:

I Giorni *by Ludovico Einaudi*
Shoreless *by Ari Snyder (Linda's Partner)*

Presider, David Hewitt:

We are gathered here in the presence of God to celebrate the ministry and to covenant together for the service of God in this place.

Clerk of Session, Thea Burton:

We present Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte who has been appointed to the Ministry of Youth and Young Families for the Orchard Valley United Church. We believe she is qualified and has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

Presider, David Hewitt:

Linda, you are here in response to the need of the Orchard Valley United Church, and by action of the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council. We come together to mark this new relationship among you, the Region and the Pastoral Charge. May the God who has given us the will to do these things give us the power and the grace to perform them.

Covenanting Action

Statement of this New Ministry

Presider, David Hewitt:

Linda, you are about to undertake the ministry of Youth and Young Families in this place. You, the members of this pastoral charge are invited to join her in worship, study, prayer and action. We the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council, will be responsible for the support and accountability of this ministry. Let us ask for God's grace as we covenant together this day. Let us pray:

Gracious God, by our baptism you have called us to Christ's ministry; pour out your Holy Spirit upon us as we commit ourselves to work together for Christ's name. Amen

Promises of the New Minister

Do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

I do.

Will you accept the discipline of United Church of Canada?

I will, by the grace of God.

Together with the regional council and its other members, be responsible for the support and accountability of the church's life?

I will, by the grace of God.

Will you accept the support and encouragement of this Pastoral Charge and this Region?

I will, by the grace of God.

Promises of the Pastoral Charge

Members of the Pastoral Charge please rise in body or in spirit.

Will you join with Linda in a ministry of worship, teaching, mentoring, prayer, and action within this pastoral charge and the world?

Yes, we will by the grace of God.

Will you support her as she serves among you in this ministry?

Yes, we will, by the grace of God.

Promises of the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council

Members of Bermuda-Nova Scotia Region please rise in body or in spirit.

Will you, as members of Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council, join with Linda and Orchard Valley United Church in the ministry that is both theirs and ours?

Yes, we will by the grace of God.

Will you exercise support for this community of faith as it fulfills its work and witness through its living faith story?

Yes, we will by the grace of God.

Presentation of Symbols

Member of M&P committee - Children's Bible

Be among us as one who celebrates the Creator's grace through Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Member of Christian Development Committee - Curriculum Book

Be among us as one who mentors and teaches through word and action.

Amen.

Member of Affirming Committee - Affirm Candle

Be among us as one who celebrates Orchard Valley's Affirming Ministry.

Amen.

Children - Orange T-shirt

Be among us as one who believes Every Child Matters.

Amen.

Youth: "This Little Light of Mine"

Declaration of Covenant

Presider, David Hewitt:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council, I declare this covenant to be established.

Thanks be to God!

Let us all rejoice in the covenant we have made.

Amen

Linda, welcome to our ministry team!

Our Journey Continues

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 15:58

Message: **Into the Future**

Choir Anthem: **Stronger With Time** *By Carl Strommen*
Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer *offered by Orchard Valley Ukulele Ensemble*

Commission

Hymn: "We Are Pilgrims" VU #595

Benediction

Peace be to all who worship here.
Peace be to all who enter here,
and to all who go out from here.
Peace be to all who love this place,
and who love in God's name.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Hymn of Benediction: Days of Elijah**

Offered by Orchard Valley Steeple Strummer