



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 1st, 2023, 10:00 am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** "What is the Place"

Songs for A Gospel People

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 and rejoice! God reaches out to us with healing love!

The Lord is our strength and our inspiration!

Dance before our God, a dance of joy and hope!

The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.

Come, let us celebrate with our God.

**Let us celebrate the good news that God can bring
us together each day.**

Come, let us rejoice that in our diversity,

**There is unity and marvelous opportunity to grow
and learn.**

Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

*** Hymn:** “Creator God You Gave Us Life”

MV #27

Creator God you gave us life,
Your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole. **R**

Refrain:

**Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.**

In ev’ry flow’r and ev’ry tree,
we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity. **R**

When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God. **R**

Opening Prayer

World Wide Communion

Listening

Learning With Our Children

with Bev Thompson

The Lord’s Prayer

VU #910

*** 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.

Scripture:

Philippians 2:1–13*Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus.*

Matthew 21:23–32 *By what authority does Jesus act and teach?*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: At the Table of the Lord *by J. Althouse*

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: Make My Joy Complete!

*** Hymn:** “What Wondrous Love is This” VU #147

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,

and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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:**

**Loving God, Creator and Sustainer, help us to
remember that we are your stewards of creation. We
are connected to creation, creation to us, and us to one
another. Through our universal caring, we dedicate
these gifts, and the givers, to your service. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “Bless Our Homes and Families” VU #556

Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.

From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

*** 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!**

***Choral Benediction: Go Now in Peace** *by Besig and Price*

Postlude

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**In memory of
~ Margaret and Blake Curry ~
Two very, very special people in our Church Family.**