



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 22, 2023, 10:00 am

21th Sunday after Pentecost

Peace Sunday

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” *by Brian Doerksen*

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity, and Christ Candles

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

A Quiet Moment

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And, also with you!

Call to Worship:

We gather to worship our Creator,

who creates us and loves us;

Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

who gives Jesus Christ to show us the way to live;

Who inspires children, youth, young adults and seniors

**to seek justice, share power, and live together in
love and equality;**

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness, peace
and well being for all,

and whose presence, grace, and love sustains us in our living.

Let us worship our Creator

Hymn: “Great Shepherd of Your People.” VU #398

Great Shepherd of your people, hear!
your presence now display;
as you have given a place for prayer,
so give us hearts to pray.

Within these walls let holy peace
and love and friendship dwell;
here give the troubled conscience ease,
the wounded spirit heal.

May we in faith receive your word,
in faith present our prayers;
and in the presence of our God
unburden all our cares.

The hearing ear, the seeing eye,
the contrite heart bestow;
and shine upon us from on high,
that we in grace may grow.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

Special Music: “On Eagle’s Wings”

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 13: 1-8a; 13

John 14:15-27

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “If You Love Me”

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Reflection: Let’s Talk About Peace

Rev Dr Linda Marcotte

*** Hymn: “Let There Be Peace on Earth” GB #128**

Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now,
With ev’ry step I take
let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth

and let it begin with me.

Repeat verses 1 and 2

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
cherish and celebrate your wondrous creation,
and all the blessings we have received. It is with
joyful hearts that we dedicate these gifts to your
service. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer...Our Creator...

*** Hymn:** “Go Forth for God” VU #418

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God’s good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
 help the afflicted; richly from above
 God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
 render to no one evil; Christ at length
 shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
 and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
 rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

*** 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 in peace, to love and serve all life.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

***Choral Benediction:** **Amen** VU #967

Postlude

This week's Worship bulletin is sponsored by

Margaret Kalkman

In loving memory of

~ Ary Kalkman ~

From loving wife, Margaret