



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 29, 2023, 10:00 am

Reformation 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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

God has called us to be people who love our neighbour.

God didn't mean the "sappy" stuff of Hallmark movies.

True, loving as Jesus tells us can sometimes be hard...

Yet we are called to reach beyond the difficulty with compassion.

In all of this, God is always here, guiding and helping us.

Thanks be for God's faithful presence.

And in God's ever presence, let us worship.

* **Hymn:** "Dance With the Spirit"

MV #156

Dance with the Spirit

Early in the mornin',
Walk with the Spirit
Throughout the long day.
Work and hope for
The new life a-bornin',
Listen to the Spirit
To show you the way.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

*** Hymn:** "When Hands Reach Out"

MV #136

When hands reach out and fingers trace
the beauty of a loved one's face,
we thank you, God, that love relies
on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.

When fingers spell and signs express
our prayer and praise and thankfulness
we thank you, God, that hands can sing;
you bless the silent songs we bring.

When broken bodies will not mend,
we thank you, God, for Christ our friend.
In him, our healing can begin:
he welcomes all the wounded in.

And when the ways we learn and grow
are not the ways that others know,
we thank you, God, that we have learned
your love's a gift, and never earned.

Your Spirit gives us differing ways
to serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be
your able, strong community.

Call to Action #18

Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8 *We care for you as a nurse cares for her own.*
Matthew 22:34–46 *Love God; love your neighbour as yourself.*

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **You Are Mine** *by D.Haas & M. Hayes*
Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **Super Love** *Rev Don Sellsted*

* **Hymn:** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” VU #593

Refrain:
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. **R**

Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away. **R**

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all are neighbours to us and you. **R**

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. **R**

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

VU #541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

**Loving God, Creator and Sustainer, in loving you we
also cherish your wondrous creation. It is with joyful
hearts that we dedicate these gifts and ourselves to
your service. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

VU #633

Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way,
whose hope burns through the terrors,
whose love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

Divine Eternal Lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise
where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

*** 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:** **Amen** VU #967

Postlude

This week's Worship Bulletin is sponsored by
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In loving memory of
~ Jacques Delisle ~
From wife, Sylvia