



# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 5, 2023, 10:00 am

### Remembrance Day 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

*On this day of Remembrance:* we light a candle to shine on our courage to make a difference in the world:

**Caring, serving, kindness, compassion.**

*On this day of Remembrance:* we light a flame of hope for all humankind to be reconciled and united into one family:

**Welcoming, accepting, cherishing, adoring.**

*On this day of Remembrance:* we light the Christ Candle, a candle of peace to acknowledge the harmony God’s wishes upon creation:

**Guiding, honouring, forgiving, loving.**

#### Recognition of the Land

#### Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

#### Call to Worship:

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Where there is so much war...

**we search for peace.**

In a world of chaos and confusion...

**we search for calm and clarity.**

In a world that is in so much pain...

**we search for healing.**

In a world of divisions and isolation...

**we search for communion and community.**

In a world of despair...

**We search for hope.**

In this time of story, song, and prayer, help us to catch a vision of how the world could live together.

**And so, let echo the old prayers—make us channels of your peace.**

\* **Hymn:**      “Make Me a Channel of your Peace”      VU #684

Make me a channel of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me bring your love;

where there is injury, your healing power,

and where there's doubt, true faith in you: **(R)**

**Refrain:**

**O Spirit, grant that I may never seek**

**so much to be consoled as to console,**

**to be understood as to understand,**

**to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

Make me a channel of your peace:

where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;

where there is darkness, only light;

and where there's sadness, ever joy. **(R)**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Act of Remembrance:**

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

**We will remember them.**

### **The Last Post**

### **A Moment of Silence**

### **Rouse**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,  
and may perpetual light shine upon them.

**May the souls of the righteous, through your great  
mercy, rest in peace. Amen.**

## **Laying of Wreaths**

## **Prayer after Wreaths**

### **Listening**

## Learning With Our Children

### The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

\* **Hymn:** "Come Touch Our Hearts"

MV #12

Come touch our hearts  
That we may know compassion  
From failing embers  
Build a blazing fire;  
Love strong enough  
To overturn injustice,  
To seek a world more gracious,  
Come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls  
That we may know and love you,  
Your quiet presence  
All our fears dispel;  
Create a space  
For spirit to grow in us,  
Let life and beauty fill us,  
Come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds  
And teach us how to reason,  
Set free our thoughts  
To wonder and to dream;  
Help us to open  
Doors of understanding,  
To welcome truth and wisdom,  
Come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in  
The moments we are fragile,  
And in our weakness  
Your great strength reveal;  
That we may rise  
To follow and to serve,  
Steady now our nerve,  
Come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now,  
This people who are gathered,  
To break the bread  
And share the cup of peace;  
That we may love  
You with our heart, our soul,  
Our mind, our strength, our all,  
Come touch us with your grace.

**Scripture:**

Micah 4:1–5.....*Peace and Security through Obedience.*  
Matthew 5:1–12 .....*The Beatitudes.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music: Think of Me and Remember**      *by J. Raney*  
*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:**                      **Re-membering**                      *Rev Don Sellsted*

**\* Hymn:**                      “For the Healing of the Nations”                      VU #678

For the healing of the nations,  
God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that, by our response and service,  
earth its destiny may find.

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

**\* Offertory:** "What Can I Do?"

MV #191

**What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.  
(Repeat x1)**

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

**Gracious God, bless these gifts and these givers.  
May they be used well to foster peace and joy in  
this world and in the lives of those who cross our  
paths. May real and lasting change start now, with  
us, through us, and with God's blessing. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:** "This Is God's Wondrous World"

VU #296

**This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.**

This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

**\* Commissioning**

**\* Benediction**

Having gathered, remembered, heard, given, and prayed...

**we ask, O God, for your blessing,  
and for your continual presence in our lives.**

Remind us that no matter where we go...

**you are there.**

Even in the toughest times...

**all it takes is one ray of light for a new day to be  
upon us once again.**

Hallelujah!

**Hallelujah. Amen!**

**\*Choral Benediction: Go Now in Peace**

*by Besig and Price*

**Postlude**



This week's Worship Bulletin is sponsored by Pat Gunn

In loving memory of

~ ***FO – Frank Dennison*** ~

Killed in action in 1943 at age 22

Buried in Surrey, England – son of Francis and Gertrude  
Dennison (Grand Pre)

In loving memory of

~ ***Lila and Malcolm Dennison*** ~

Founding members of New Minas United Church from  
daughter, Pat.