



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 7, 2024, 10:00 am

Baptism of the Lord

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* **Introit:** "I am the Light of the World" VU #87 vs.1

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way
home, the work of Christmas is begun

**'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!'
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

Lighting the Outreach, Unity, and Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Call to Worship:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
and God saw that it was good.

At the beginning of his ministry, as John baptized Jesus...

**the heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like
a dove...**

and God said: "This is my Son, in whom I am well pleased."

All things in God are good and pleasing.

So let our worship be in God today.

* **Hymn:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" VU #395

Refrain

Come in, come in and sit down,

you are a part of the family.

We are lost and we are found,

and we are a part of the family.

You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. **R**

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.

So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

VU #910

*** Hymn:** "Peace for the Children" MV #149 vss. 1,4,5,6,7,10

Peace for the children, peace... peace.
Peace for the children we pray.
Following the path of One of peace,
We work for healing, We work for peace;
Peace for the children today.

- 4. Peace in our families ...
- 5. Peace for the nations ...
- 6. Peace for the creatures ...
- 7. Peace for our planet ...
- 10. Peace in the soul.

Minute for Mission

Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-5..... *The first days of creation.*
Acts 19:1-7 *Paul baptizes with the Spirit.*
Mark 1:4-11..... *Jesus is presented in the temple.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **Celebrate God's Love** *by Price & Besig*
 Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **Let's Get Wild**

*** Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" VU #710

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. **R**

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. **R**

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:**

**We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and
spiritual gift you have poured out upon us. Let the
gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your
world, all to the honour of your holy name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “You Shall Go Out With Joy” VU #884

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with 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 now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

***Benediction Hymn:** "Amen"

VU #967

Postlude