



**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
 130 Cornwallis Ave.,  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00am

# Seventh Sunday of Easter Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council Sunday

### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* **Introit:** "Sing, Sing Out" (verse 2 x1) MV #180

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Recognition of the Land

### Welcome and Announcements

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

### Centring Music

#### \* Call to Worship:

One: Let us gather in your presence, O God

**All: With open hearts, we come, ready to receive your word.**

One: As you scattered the words of scripture and story around us, may it find good soil

**All: May your word take root in us, yielding a harvest of faith and leadership.**

One: Rooted in faith, may our worship reflect the deep love that grounds us.

**All: May our worship here today, inspire us to embrace your transformative work in our lives.**

\***Hymn:** "This is the Day" VU #412

### Opening Prayer

#### Listening

### Learning With Our Children

### The Lord's Prayer

\***Hymn:** "Jesus' Hands were Kind Hands" VU #570

**Act of Covenant between Community of Faith and Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council** (see insert)

### Scriptures:

Ephesians 3:14-19 ..... *Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.*

Matthew 13:1-9 ..... *Planting seeds for faith and growth.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem: "Deeply Rooted in the Promise"** *Kingsbury/Bowman*  
*offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir*  
*Soloist - Angela Whiteway*

### Message: Rooted in Faith – Growing in Leadership

#### Celebrating

### Offering of Our Gifts

\* **Offertory:** "What Can I Do?" MV #191

### Offertory Prayer:

**Generous God, as we present our offerings before you, we dedicate these gifts with grateful hearts. May they be used to further your work in the world, sowing seeds of love, compassion, and**

**transformation. Bless these offerings and multiply their impact for the glory of your divine realm. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:** "Through the Heart of Every City" VU #584  
(tune: "Abbott's Leigh")

**\* Commissioning:**

One: As we depart, rooted in faith and growing in leadership

**All: May the seeds we've sown bear fruit in abundance.**

One: Let us go forth with love, compassion, and a bold spirit,

**All: Embracing the new things God is doing, making a difference in the world.**

**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!**

**\*Hymn of Benediction:** "Alleluia, Amen" **W. Mozart**

### **Postlude**

**In loving memory of mother**

**~ *Marguerite Caldwell* (1919-2024) ~**

**With love from daughter, Vera Burke, Pat & Family**