



**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
 130 Cornwallis Ave.,  
 New Minas B4N 3M7



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00am

### Season of Creation

#### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

**\*Introit:** "This is God's Wondrous World" VU #296vs.1

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Recognition of the Land**

**Welcome and Announcements**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you!**

**Centreing Music**

**\*Call to Worship:**

As the tiny brook finds its way to the larger water...

**We, God's children, continue to grow and learn.**

As the River flows like time itself...

**We move as one, holding together in the midst of change.**

As the Lake caresses its shore...

**We feel God's presence among us.**

As the tranquil lake hovers like a mirror...

**We reflect upon our call to be a place of calm waters to comfort your people.**

As the power of the Ocean crashes like thunder...

**We have the strength of faith and commitment to be God's people.**

Let us now come to the baptismal waters in worship.

**\*Hymn:** "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU #563

**Opening Prayer**

#### Listening

**Learning With Our Children**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

**Mission & Service**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

Deuteronomy 32:1-4..... *Waters of Growth.*

Matthew 14:22-33..... *Jesus walks on the water.*

John 7:37-39..... *Rivers of Living Water.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** "Peace Like A River" *by J. Raney*

*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:** **Water Walkers** *Rev. Don Sellsted*

**\*Hymn:** "I Hear the Voice of Jesus Say" VU #626

#### Celebrating

**Offering of Our Gifts**

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

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**God of All, we strive to inspire growth and unite us with all of creation, such that all may find health and meaning in a world worthy of praise. Let the gifts we give grow beyond our dreams, bringing hope and healing to all they touch. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** "Will Your Anchor Hold" VU #675

### **\*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!**

**\*Congregational Benediction:** "Amen" VU #967

## **Postlude**