



# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 29, 2025, 10:00 am

### Third Sunday after Pentecost

#### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

**\* Congregational Introit: "As the Deer"** *by G. Ritchie*

As the deer longs for springs of water  
So my soul longs for you,  
Longs for you oh God  
Come to me, come to me  
Oh God, come to me

**\* 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.**

#### Centring Music

#### Call to Worship

Welcome to today's journey with Jesus.

**Will the journey be difficult?**

Well, it very much could be.

**Will the journey be inconvenient?**

Yes, there's a good chance of that.

**Will the journey be rewarding?**

The soul will be well rewarded.

**Let us continue our journey together.**

Well then, come, let our worship begin.

**\* Hymn:** "Come, O Holy Spirit"

MV #23

Come, O Holy Spirit,  
set the Church on fire;  
strike it as the lightning  
hits a posing spire.  
Burn away the structures  
and consume the sham  
of our holy systems:  
Come, in Jesus' name! **R**

**Refrain: (x2)**

**Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!**  
**Take our hearts by storm.**  
**All the world lies open**  
**Pentecost is now!**

Blow away the cobwebs  
of our stubborn past.  
Come, send flying from us  
myths unfit to last.  
Wind of change, refresh us  
and disturb our calm;  
teach us what true love is,  
take our hearts by storm. **R**

Free us from the babble  
of our Babel mind;

spark in us a language  
all can understand.  
Lighten then our darkness,  
come and show us how  
all the world lies open:  
Pentecost is now! **R**  
Pentecost is now! Amen!

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Listening**

## **Learning With Our Children**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

\* **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.

## **Mission and Service**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

Galatians 5:1, 13–25 .....*Called to freedom; the fruit of the Spirit*

Luke 9:51–62 .....*The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:**                    **Deep In Our Hearts**     *by R. Klussmeier*

*Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:**                    **“Virtues of Gentleness”**

*Rev. Don Sellsted*

**\* Hymn:**                    “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”                    VU #375

**Refrain:**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons  
you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings. **R**

You swept thro' the desert,  
you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people  
with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded  
with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets  
to open their eyes. **R**

You sang in a stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city  
you called once again,  
when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind. **R**

You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow  
the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions  
your people arise. **R**

## **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:**

**Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another with gentleness. May the gifts we offer bring the virtues of love, faith and hope to others, bring joy to a world. May we be the reminders that love of God and neighbour will always be rewarded. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:** "Oh a Song Must Rise" MV #142

**Refrain:**

**Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend  
Oh a song must rise once again (again)  
Singing out God's praises and glory,  
the faithful voices blend,  
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend  
(descend).**

From the mountains to the valleys,  
from the desert to the sea,  
a song must rise once again.  
From the voices of our leaders,  
the voice of you and me,  
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

From poverty and riches,  
from the voice of young and old,  
a song must rise once again. (again)  
From the free and the imprisoned,  
the timid and the bold,  
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

From ev'ry house of worship,  
in ev'ry faith and tongue,  
a song must rise once again.  
From the villages and cities  
a new song must be sung,  
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

**\* 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**