



# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 27, 2025, 10:00 am

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

#### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

#### \* Congregational Introit: "Come, We That Love"

VU#715 vs. 1(2<sup>nd</sup> tune)

Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known,  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
and thus surround the throne.

#### \* 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:

Peace-loving and peace-giving God, you bless us with your unfailing and unconditional love:

**We come to worship and praise our loving God, and  
rejoice in God's tender mercy towards us.**

Generous God, you pour blessings and grace upon us,  
forgiving us for our sin and shame:

**We come to worship and honour our merciful God,  
and rejoice in the wonder of forgiven and forgotten  
sin.**

Holy God, in the beauty of your shalom, and in the glory of  
your presence, all barriers are lowered:

**We come to worship and revere our glorious God,  
who enriches the lives of God's own people and  
speaks peace into the hearts of all faithful people.  
Amen.**

**\* Hymn:**                    "Now Thank We All Our God"                    VU #236

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us strong in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ill  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God

for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest  
who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Listening**

## **Learning With Our Children**

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

**\* Hymn:** "There is Room for All" MV #62

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;  
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.  
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I  
trust."  
There is room for all, there is room for all!

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture:**

Psalm 85

Luke 11:1-13

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** "Lead Me, Lord"

*Offered by Angela and Marilyn Whiteway*

**Message:**

*Rev. Max Martin*

**\* Hymn:**

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus"

VU #626

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

## **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 for all:**

**Spirit of Life, giver of every perfect gift, we offer our thanks for this life and its gifts. Bless these offering and those given outside this time of Worship. May our contributions both here and in every part of our lives – our time, our skills and our money – work towards a world of justice and peace. We pray that it be so, through the ministries of this congregation and the work we do together through Mission and Service. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:**    “**Love is the Touch**”                                    MV #89  
  
Love is the touch of intangible joy;  
Love is the force that no fear can destroy;  
Love is the goodness we gladly applaud;  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;  
Love is the hope that can make us rejoice;

Love is the cure for the frightened and flawed;  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;  
Love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
Love is the path which the saints all have trod;  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

**\* 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**