



# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 17, 2025, 10:00  
am

### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Gathering

**\* Congregational Introit:** "Come, We  
That Love" VU #715 vs.1 (2nd tune)

**\* 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.**

- There will be a congregational meeting after church next Sunday in order to vote on if and how to proceed with our partnership with Open Arms to assist the underhoused community during the woods ban, please be there to make your voice heard.
- Covenanter Summer Series - Summer services at the Covenanter Church, Grand Pre will begin July 6 at 11am. Services will continue weekly until August 31st with Guest speakers and special music. Everyone is welcome!
- Greenwich Community Centre is seeking donations of books, boardgames and bookshelves. We are seeking to start a little free library and host boardgame nights, coffees and socials. Please reach out to Christina Sappington if you have anything to offer. Thank you.

### Centring Music

### Call to Worship

Long ago a vineyard was planted. The ground was prepared, and all was made ready:

**But the vines grew wild, the ground was unable to support the wild grapes. What happened in that place of promise? People forgot the One who planted the vineyard. They chose their own ways and failed.**

Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

**Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word. Amen.**

### Hymn:

O Cloud of Presence

Lead On,

VU#421

### Opening Prayer

### Listening

### Time for All Ages

### The Lord's Prayer

**\* Hymn:** O Beautiful Gaia

MV#41

### Prayer for Illumination

**Special Music:** Be Not Far From Me- N. Zingarelli *performed by Thea Burton*

### Scripture:

Isaiah 5:1-7 .....The  
Song of the Vineyard

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 .....Faith and  
the Example of Jesus

The Word of God for the People of  
God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message:

\* **Hymn:** "Crashing Water at Creation"  
VU#449

**Celebrating**

**Offering of Our Gifts**

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

\* **Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

\* **Hymn:** "Dance With the Spirit" MV#156

\* **Commissioning**

\* **Benediction**

And all the people said....**Amen!**

\* **Congregational Benediction:**

"Amen" VU #967

**Postlude**