



# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00 am

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

### Gathering

\* **Congregational Introit:** "You Are Loved" *Mary-Ellen Kish*

**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:**

Spirit of Life, in this time of worship, bring to us  
awareness,

**awareness of the beauty of each person gathered  
here today either in person or online.**

Spirit of Life, bring to us strength,

**the strength to face the challenges before us this  
day and into the future.**

Spirit of Life, bring to us wisdom,

**the wisdom to be open to your leading.**

Spirit of Life, bring to us love,

**the love of God, the love of self, and the love of others in every aspect of our lives.**

**\* Hymn:**     “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”     MV #10

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
Showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
crying in the market-place.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
full of glory, truth, and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens,  
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;  
nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit guide and close companion,  
bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people,  
holy friends of God and earth.

**Opening Prayer**

**Listening**

**Children's Time**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**\* Hymn:** "I Am a Child of God"

MV #157

I am a child of God,  
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.  
I am a child of God,  
I am a child of God.

I am an endless prayer,  
I am a yearning for contemplation,  
I am an endless prayer,  
I am an endless prayer.

I am an angry voice,  
I am compassion and consternation,  
I am an angry voice,  
I am an angry voice.

I am a cry for peace,  
I am commitment and dedication,  
I am a cry for peace,  
I am a cry for peace.

I am a song of joy,  
I am the moment of jubilation,  
I am a song of joy,  
I am a song of joy.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

Proverbs 12:18-22a

Mark 5:24-30, 33-34

Contemporary Reading on Truth

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:**                    ***“Lord Who Knows My Heart”***

*D. Burton*

*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:**            **The Practice of Speaking Truth**

*Rev. Gloria Churchill*

**\* Hymn:**            “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

VU #479

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether,  
for when humbly in your name  
two or three are met together,  
you are in the midst of them.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Touch we now your garment’s hem.

As disciples used to gather  
in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Giver  
break the bread and bless the cup.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
make as sacraments of you,  
that by caring, helping, giving,

we may be disciples true.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
In our service faith renew.

## **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:**  
**We give thanks this day, Holy One, for your Spirit's  
leading in making us a people of generosity and we  
pray our gifts will be used in your service and in  
Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:**                      “O Lord, Listen to your Children Praying”  
VU #400  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

### **Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:**                “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”    VU #664

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do our friends despise, forsake us?  
Are we tempted to despair?  
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,  
and we'll find new courage there.

**\* Commissioning:**

The time has now come for us to leave this sacred space.

**May we remember that all of life is sacred.**

As we leave this place where the faithful have gathered,

**May we embrace the challenges of our lives and our world.**

As we leave this place of sanctuary and safety,

**May we be encouraged to be a place of sanctuary, acceptance, and peace for all.**

**Extinguish the Candles**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Congregational Hymn of Benediction:**

*"Go Now In Peace" (Besig)*

**Postlude**