



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025, 10:00 am

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Congregational Introit:

"God Be In My Head"

VU #430

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ, Outreach and Affirming Candles

Response: "We Are a Rainbow" vs. 1 & Refrain

We're the light of all the world,
We are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light.
We will not hide our lamp, beneath a bushel anymore.
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.
We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace
For the flood of tears will fin'lly cease to be.

Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.

Centring Music

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***Call to Worship:**

God loved the world, God loves the world, all are beloved!
May this love story shine in our worship, inviting us to share this love near and far.

We come with our doubts, our hopes, and our fears. We come to discover how Jesus reveals God's love.

We are here to listen for God's love story and to respond to the great invitation to love as God loves.

Friends of God, here and everywhere, let us worship!
Amen!

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning with our Children

*** Hymn:** "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families" VU#556

Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.

Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.

From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles

love's expressed in many ways.

Scripture:

1 John 4:13-21

Mark 12:28-34

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **"Thanks Be to Thee"** *Handel*

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: **"The Spirit in my hair"** *Rev. Don Sellsted*

***Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU #567

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory Hymn:**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” VU #541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Remembering the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, grateful that you call us to share in the joy of spreading your love, knowing that what we offer makes a difference in the healing of the world, we bring our gifts, O God. Bless them, bless us, and bless this church as we seek to serve you in all the places life calls us to be. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” VU #288

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **R**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **R**

Commissioning

**We are all part of God's creation and are called to
lift each other up in times of struggle.**

**We are God's beloved and are called to love our
neighbour as ourselves.**

**So let us go into the world now to share God's love
with all we meet this week and always.**

Extinguishing the Candles

*** Sung Benediction: "Threefold Amen"**

VU #967

Postlude