



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 9, 2025, 10:00 am

Twenty-Second 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;

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

Our God is the God of all creation.

**God loves all creatures, the majestic and the
wiggly,**

The flying and the burrowing,

The 8 legged and all that swim.

God is the God of all people.

God loves the people of all nations and lands.

People of every nation are called to serve.

And for us, that nation is Canada.

May we be an inspiration to the world that to serve in the name of justice, freedom, and love is our highest calling.

Let our worship today begin.

*** Hymn:** "O Canada" VU #524

O Canada! Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North strong and free!

From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

Act of Remembrance:

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

We will remember them.

We will remember them.

The Last Post
2 Minutes of Silence

Rouse

Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.

**May the souls of the righteous, through your great
mercy, rest in peace. Amen.**

Laying of Wreaths

Prayer after Wreaths

*** Hymn: "Peace for the Children" MV #149 (selected verses)**

**Peace for the children, peace peace.
Peace for the children we pray.
Following the path of One of peace,
we work for healing, we work for peace;
peace for the children today.**

- 2. Peace in our families....**
- 3. Peace for the nations....**
- 4. Peace for the planet....**
- 5. Peace in the soul....**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Psalm 98 *Sing a new song to God*

Luke 20:27-38 *A woman marries seven brothers*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:**“Peace”**

by Mock & Nichols

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message:**“The Bigger Picture”**

Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:****“Weep for the Dead”**

VU #526 vs.1,2,4

Weep for the dead. Let tears and silence tell
of blood and battle, horror and renown.
The years diminish, but do not dispel
the pain of lives destroyed, and life laid down.

Silent the dead. Remembering we stand
silent as they, for words cannot esteem
causes of war, the love of native land,
all that they were, and all they might have been.

Summoned by love that leaves no room for pride,
we pray that every continent and isle,
wounded by war, war's hate may lay aside,
and find a way to heal and reconcile.

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:**

God, sometimes your people are asked to offer much, even their lives, in the service of justice, love, and freedom. We offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure in service to justice, love and freedom. May real and lasting change in the name of peace start now, with us, through us, and with God’s blessing. Amen

Prayers of the People / Lord’s Prayer

*** Hymn:** “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” (See insert) TLUS #123

*** Commissioning / Extinguishing the Candles**

*** 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!**

*** Sung Benediction: “Threefold Amen”**

VU #967

Postlude

This week's Worship Bulletin is sponsored by Pat Gunn

In loving memory of

*FO-Francis Dennison (RCAF) – who made the ultimate
sacrifice on December 30th, 1943 (age 22) buried in Surrey,
England*

(son of Francis and Gertrude of Grand Pre)

Also, in loving memory of Pat's parents,

*Lila and Malcolm Dennison – founding members of New
Minas United Church*

