



# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 1, 2026, 10:00 am

### Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

**\*Congregational Introit:** "I am the Light" VU #87 vs. 1

**REFRAIN:**

**'I am the light of the world!**

**You people come and follow me!'**

**If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.**

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way  
home,  
the work of Christmas is begun: **R**

**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

God calls us to seek justice:

**Christ's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.**

God calls us to show kindness,

**The hope of Christ shines in places of brokenness.**

God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

**We join the work of the God in humility and hope.**

Called, blessed, and inspired, let us worship God together.

**\*Hymn:**

“Love Is the Touch”

MV #89

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;  
love is the will to be whole once again;  
love is the trust of a friend on the road:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

4. 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.

## Opening Prayer

### Listening

#### Learning With Our Children

**\*Hymn:**           “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”           VU #357

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

2 First let me hear how the children stood round his  
knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

3 Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea  
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!  
And how the Master, ready and kind,  
chided the billows and hushed the wind.

4 Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!

5 Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;  
and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.  
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be

stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

## **Mission and Service**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture:**

Micah 6:6-8 ..... *What does God require of us?*

Matthew 5:1-12 ..... *Blessed are the poor in spirit.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:**                    **Blest Are They**                    *by D. Haas/M. Haas*  
*Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:**                    **Easy Peasy, Lemon Squeezy**  
*Rev. Don Sellsted*

**\* Hymn:**                    "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"                    VU #626

1 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.

2 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.

3 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 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 of Life, from you all loving kindness, justice and mercy flow. Bless these gifts so that acts of kindness, justice and mercy flow from them, too. And bless our lives so the world may see in us signs of your**

**people at work in the church and community, and in Christ's name. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:**           “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”           VU #232

1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.

3 You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,

lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

**\* 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**