



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 10, 2026, 10:00 am

Mother's Day - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Gathering

***Congregational Introit:** "We Are One" VU #402 vs.1

We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,
In the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;
And we come needful of God's grace as we meet,
together in this place

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land

Welcome

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

Centring Music

Call to Worship

We come before God with love...
with the care and nurture of a loving parent.
We come before God today for the sake of peace.
We come with equity and fairness.
We come for the sake of equality and inclusion.
We come with civility and honour.

We come for the sake of generosity and justice.

We come for the sake of love.

Prayer, feeding, repentance, truth-telling, and serving...

We come for this because we love as Jesus loved.

In this time, in this place, let us love one another as we worship.

***Hymn:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” VU #333

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,

changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Opening Prayer

***Baptism of Henry Fraser Gallivan,
son of Ariannah and Mitchell Gallivan.***

The Celebration of Baptism

Statement of Purpose

Family and friends, let us celebrate God's gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism. There is one body and one Spirit; we have one hope in Christ. There is one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all. Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.

Presentation of Candidate

On behalf of the congregation of *Orchard Valley United Church*,
I present the following child for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism: *Henry Fraser Gallivan*, son of Ariannah Maree Julia Gallivan and Mitchell Gerald Gallivan.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Commitment of Parent:

Ariannah Maree Julia Gallivan and Mitchell Gerald Gallivan,

Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you follow in the way of Jesus,
resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice,
and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your siblings in your community of
faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in
creation, and love and serve others?

I will, God being my helper.

In baptism, Henry marks an important step in his
journey of faith.

Will you care for him, and help him to take his place
within the mission
and witness of Christ's Church?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of Sponsors

Richard Gallivan and Patricia Gallivan, will you pray for
this child and take care that he may learn and live the
faith?

We do, God being our helper.

Congregational Commitment

We have heard the will of Henry's parents. We receive *Henry Fraser Gallivan*, son of Ariannah Maree Julia Gallivan and Mitchell Gerald Gallivan in Christ's name, as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. Will you support *Henry* with constant love, wholesome example, Christian teaching, and faithful prayer?

We will, God being our helper.

Affirmation of Faith "A New Creed"

We are not alone'

we live in God's world.

We believe in God;

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church;

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation. By water, comes the growth of the earth. Through water, you led the children to Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized. Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

The Act of Baptism

Blessing

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Laying on of Hands

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle and Certificate

Declaration and Congregational Welcome

Into the household of faith, we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

We are members of the Body of Christ. We are inheritors of God's promise. In the name of the Christ, we welcome you.

Blessing

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you.

Amen.

Hymn: “May God's Sheltering Wings” MV #214

**May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.**

***Hymn:** “Spirit Dancing” VU #388 vs.1 & 6

Spirit dancing on the waters,
sun reflecting song of grace
Calling life to all the creatures,
Giving life to human race.

Spirit dancing on the waters,
We would come and dance with you
'til our world is filled with music
And in Christ all things are new.

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "Where the Green will Rise Again"

TLUS #157 vs.1&3

Where the green will rise again,
bud and blossom in the breaking,
earth will smile and ease her aching,
drought or flood, through sun or rain,
so the green will rise again.

Hands and minds with vision plain,
people with a sense of wonder,
caring lives that do not squander,
plant for futures to sustain,
so the green will rise again.

Mission and Service

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

1 Peter 3:13–17 *Do not repay evil for evil*

John 14:15–21 *The Advocate, the Spirit, will be with you*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

by G. Matheson & M. McDonald

Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: Is Love a Guilt Trip? *by Rev. Don Sellsted*

* **Hymn:** "Three Things I Promise"

MV #176

Three things I promise, Holy God,
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

Your love unfolded time and space,
and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your Name.

I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
amid our culture's tides and trends,
for here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

Enlivened as the Spirit moves
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
may seed and grow in all I do.

If I should live when vigour fades,
and family and friends are gone,
three acts of loving faith remain
when days are slow, and work is done.

Revive and guide me, Living God,
as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory Hymn:** “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.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

God our Creator, you made us in love to share that love with neighbour and stranger as Jesus commanded. Take our gifts and make them signs of our love that we can share throughout our community and the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Work of the Congregation

*** Hymn:** “You Shall Go Out With Joy” VU #884

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

*** 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:**

“Amen”

VU #793

Postlude