



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 24th, 2026, 10:00 am

Day of Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*Congregational Introit:

“Holy One May Your Presence Here”

TLUS#151

Holy One, may your presence here open our minds,
May your spirit among us help us to find
You are rising up now like a fountain of grace
From the holy ground here in this place,
Here in this place

Lighting 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

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

transform our thoughts and actions.

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

fill us with your wisdom.

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
**refresh our commitment to serve in love and
renewal.**

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
as we worship and witness to God's love.

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit, in our worship today.

***Hymn:** "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow" VU #196

Wind who makes all winds that blow,
gusts that bend the saplings low,
gales that heave the sea in waves,
stirrings in the mind's deep caves,
aim your breath with steady power
on your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost,
Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn,
suns around which planets turn,
beacons marking reefs and shoals,
shining truth to guide our souls,
come to us as once you came:
burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and Power, Might and Strength,
fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame,
move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre,
kindle them with your own fire.

Breathe and blow upon that blaze
till our lives, our deeds and ways,
speak that tongue which every land
by your grace shall understand.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "There's a Spirit in the Air" VU #582 vs.1,4,5

There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world

Mission and Service

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Acts 2:1-21 *The Holy Spirit comes in wind and flame*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13.....*One spirit, many gifts*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music:

Spirit, Sing

by M. Martin & J. Martin

Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message:

Warning! Strong אִתְּךָ Ahead!

by Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:**

“Oh a Song Must Rise”

MV #142

Refrain:

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend

Oh a song must rise once again (again)

Singing out God’s praises and glory,

the faithful voices blend,

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to

descend (descend).

From the mountains to the valleys,

from the desert to the sea,

a song must rise once again.

From the voices of our leaders,

the voice of you and me,

a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

From poverty and riches,

from the voice of young and old,

a song must rise once again. (again)

From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory Hymn:** "We Praise You, O God" VU #218

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

*** Offertory Prayer:**

**Spirit of grace and power, bless these gifts today
that they accomplish the work needed in Jesus'
name. We offer ourselves so that our lives may
faithfully proclaim the Good News with your grace.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Work of the Congregation

*** Hymn:** “Come, O Holy Spirit” MV #23

Come, O Holy Spirit,
set the Church on fire;
strike it as the lightning
hits a posing spire.
Burn away the structures
and consume the sham
of our holy systems:
Come, in Jesus' name!

Refrain: (x2)

Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!

Take our hearts by storm.

All the world lies open

Pentecost is now!

Blow away the cobwebs
of our stubborn past.
Come, send flying from us
myths unfit to last.
Wind of change, refresh us

and disturb our calm;
teach us what true love is,
take our hearts by storm. **R**

Free us from the babble
of our Babel mind;
spark in us a language
all can understand.
Lighten then our darkness,
come and show us how
all the world lies open:
Pentecost is now! **R**
Pentecost is now! Amen!

*** 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:** "Go Now In Peace" *by Besig & Price*

Go now in peace...never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude