ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 10:00 am

Baptism, Confirmation & Communion Sunday

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

Throughout our valley, our province, our country, our world…

God is calling to us.

Out of all life's situations, health and hardships…

God is calling us to worship.

As the spirit moves through us in this time of hope and uncertainty…

God is calling us to serve.

In whatever state we find our heart is in…

God is calling us to love one another.

Then come one and all, let us worship God's amazing grace, for all are welcome in this place.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn:** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" VU #644

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme

from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

Baptism *(insert)*

Confirmation *(insert)*

Holy Communion *(insert)*

Listening

Learning With Our Children

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "Sing a Happy Hallelujah" VU #224

Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.

Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!

We're the proof of God's good humour,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly. **R**

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,
so is life for us enhanced. **R**

Every day sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word! **R**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Romans 5:1–5.....*Justified by faith*
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8.....*Jesus and the disciples preach and heal*

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music: **Streets Of London** *by R. McTell*
Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Steeple Strummers

Message: **We are all called**
by Rev. Don Sellsted

*** Hymn:** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" VU #120 vs.1&4

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me,
my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Saviour and my friend.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory Hymn:** "We Praise You, O God" VU #218 vs.1

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.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

God of grace and goodness, your world is full of gifts that sustain our lives. We offer our gifts in gratitude. Bless them and make them signs of your presence at work in the world, touching lives in need with your love and strength. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayers of the People

Work of the Congregation

*** Hymn:** "Go to the World!" VU #420

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*** 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:** "I Love to Tell the Story" *by K. Hanley*

Postlude