



# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, 10:00 am

## Baptism Sunday 4th Sunday after 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  
(Repeat)

### 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

Welcome to worship today!  
**We are glad to be here.**

Even when things get hectic, always know that you will find welcome here.

**We are grateful for the hospitality and friendship.**  
Even when we are down in the dumps, lost, and confused, know this place is your Holy Space.

**We are thankful for love abundantly shared.**  
Come, let us worship the God who always welcomes us all.

**Let us open our hearts to the one who welcomed friend and stranger alike.**

In this place, in our worship, there is room for us all.

**\*Hymn:**                                    “*There is Room for All*”                                   MV #62

There is room for all in the shadow of God’s wing;  
There is room for all, sheltered in God’s love.  
And I rejoice and sing, “My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust.”  
There is room for all, there is room for all!

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Baptism**

*William Stephen Burbidge*  
son of Aimee and Mitchell Burbidge  
**The Celebration of Baptism**

## **Statement of Purpose**

## **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: *William Stephen Burbidge*, son of Aimee and Mitchell Burbidge.

## **Profession of Faith and Promises**

Commitment of Parents: Aimee and Mitchell Burbidge,  
Do you believe in God, Source of love;  
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;  
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

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

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you join with your siblings in Christ's 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, *William* 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 Sponsor: Mary Anne Cormier, will you  
pray for this child and take care that he may learn and  
live the faith?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Congregational Commitment (*rise in body or spirit*)

We have heard the will of William's parents and  
sponsor. We receive *William Stephen Burbidge* 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 William 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 of 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**

### **Baptism**

*William Stephen Burbidge,*

I baptise you in the name of the Father,

And of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Our God whose arms are open wide;

who teaches us what it means to love;

and whose wings will keep you safe.

### **Blessing**

*William Stephen Burbidge,*

*we bless you in the name of God the Mother,*

*whose arms will hold you close;*

*and the in the name of God the Child,*

*who walks with you all of your days;*

*and in the name of God the Holy Spirit,*

*whose wings will carry you to places*

*you can only begin to dream of.*

### **Marking with the Sign of the Cross**

*William Stephen Burbidge*, we mark you with the sign of the cross, so the world will always know - and you will never forget - that you are a beloved child of God.

### **Laying on of Hands**

*William Stephen Burbidge*, may the Holy Spirit, Love's power, guide you, inspire you, and work within you, all the days of your life. Amen.

### **Presentation of the Baptismal Candle & Certificate**

*William Stephen Burbidge*, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

**Amen.**

### **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:** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"  
VU #644 vs.1-3

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.

## **Listening**

### **Learning With Our Children**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "God of the Sparrow" VU #229

God of the sparrow God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbour God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

## **Mission and Service**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture:**

Genesis 21:8-17 ..... *The rescue of Hagar and Ishmael*  
Matthew 10:24-39 ..... *Discipleship: Lose your life to find it*

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

**Anthem:**                                    **Child of God**                                    *by M. Miller*  
*Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir*

**Message:**                                    **You Matter**                                    *by Rev. Don Sellsted*

**\* Hymn:**                                    “Called By Earth and Sky”                                    VU #135

**Refrain:**  
**Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.**

**(After last verse, repeat twice more;  
called by earth and sky.)**

Precious these waters, endless seas,  
deep ocean’s dream,  
waters of healing, rivers of rain,  
the wash of love again.

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;  
wind born and free.  
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,  
our gathering and our grace.

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;  
vast fragile land.  
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,

Creation's faithful song.

Precious the fire that lights our way,  
bright dawning day.  
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,  
our faith and justice one.

## **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:**

**We give these gifts and our whole selves to the  
ministry and mission you call us to. We are thankful  
for your Spirit of peace which never ceases to move  
and inspire us to be your disciples, serving you  
through serving others. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Work of the Congregation**

\* **Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" VU #575

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me

anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

\* **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 ev’ry 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. Amen, amen, amen.

## **Postlude**

*This week’s Worship Bulletin is sponsored by Gerry Falconer  
**In loving memory of amazing husband, father and  
grandfather(“Pup”)  
~ Fred Falconer ~  
Love, Gerry and Family***