



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026, 10:00 am

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*Congregational Introit:

"Come and Follow Me" *from Seasons of the Spirit*

If anyone would come and follow me, my disciple you
would be.

Leave the past behind, seek and you will find all you're
called to be.

If anyone would come and follow me, know the truth will
make you free

Give and you receive, trust me and believe. Come and
follow me.

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:

This is the day our Creator has made for us.

And we rejoice and are happy to be here!

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn:**

“This is the Day”

VU #412

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,

we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Listening

Praying for Our Children

The Lord's Prayer – "Our Creator...."

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Genesis 2:4-25

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music:

Mazurka op.17 #4
offered by Ari Snyder

Frederic Chopin

Message:

The Gardener

Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte

*** Hymn:** “God Who Gives to Life It’s Goodness” VU #260

God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.

God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators
God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending
all our acts by Love refined.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory Hymn:** Grateful (chorus only x2) MV #182

Refrain

**Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,
O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,**

**thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.**

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Prayers of the People

Annette and Gordon Wray

Mission and Service

Work of the Congregation

*** Hymn:**

"Go Forth for God"

VU #418

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
 in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
 till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
 help the afflicted; richly from above
 God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
 render to no one evil; Christ at length
 shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

*** Extinguishing the Candles**

*** Benediction: AMEN!**

*** Sung Benediction:** "Amen" VU #967

Postlude