



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 9th, 2026, 10:00 am

11th 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

We live, work, play and pray in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

We have respect for all people of this land as we live out the United Church apology and move forward towards being the community that the Creator calls us to be together.

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:** “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” MV #10

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
Showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the market-place.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.

Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

Listening

Praying for Our Children

The Lord's Prayer – "Our Creator...."

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Genesis 1:27-31

Psalms 139:1-18

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music:

offered by Ari Snyder

Message: The Mystery of Creation

Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte

*** Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" VU #226**

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,

sun and moon, and stars of light,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

Lighting our Vision & Mission Candle

*** 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

Faye Calder

Mission and Service

Work of the Congregation

*** Hymn:** "To Show by Touch and Word" VU #427

To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.

Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.

Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.

*** Extinguishing the Candles**

*** Benediction: AMEN!**

*** Sung Benediction:**

“Amen”

VU #967

Postlude