



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave.,
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026, 10:00am

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* **Congregational Introit:** "Come and Follow Me"
from Seasons of the Spirit

Lighting the Christ Candle

Recognition of the Land *(words on screen)*

Welcome

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

Centring Music

Call to Worship:

We invite the rivers to worship with us:

**All: The Annapolis, the Cornwallis, the Gaspereau,
the Habitant, the Canard and all the streams that flow
to the sea.**

We invite the country creeks to sing:

**All: the trout, the gaspereau, the bass, the shad, and
the pickerel**

We invite the creatures of the air, the ponds and lakes to sing:

**All: the herons, the ravens, the song birds, the
dragonflies, the frogs, and the sleepy tortoises.**

We join with the waters in praising God:

**All: waterfalls singing upstream, waves dancing at
the river mouth, and the high tides of the Fundy.**

* Hymn: "River" MV #3

Opening Prayer:

Creating God, we celebrate your refreshing presence
among us and our kin in creation, especially in the
rivers, the creeks and the wetlands of the Earth. May
our spirits be lifted to rejoice with the vibrant world
of the rivers. May it be so. Amen

Listening

Time for the Young at Heart

*Hymn: "Like a Healing Stream" MV #144

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Ezekiel 47:1-10

Luke 5:1-11

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Sacred Music: *offered by Thea Koenig-Burton*

Message: **Going Deeper**

Rev. Gloria Churchill

*Hymn: "River Running in You and Me" MV #163

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

Lighting our Vision & Mission Candle

***Offertory Hymn:** “Grateful” (x2 – Chorus only) MV #182

***Offertory Prayer**

Hymn: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” VU #400

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Mission and Service

Work of the Congregation

***Hymn:** “Psalm 42 – As the Deer Pants” VU #766

***Extinguishing the Candles**

***Blessing**

***Closing Hymn:** “Amen” VU #967

Postlude