



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 30th, 2026, 10:00 am

14th 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 the Candles

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.

We give thanks for this land and recognize that we are all treaty people.

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:** “God, Reveal Your Presence” VU #391

- 1 God, reveal your presence: as we now adore you
and with awe appear before you.
Here in this your temple: all within keep silence,
gather now with deepest reverence.
You alone God we own,
you, our God and Saviour: praise your name for ever.
- 2 God, reveal your presence: hear the harps resounding;
see the crowds the throne surrounding.
‘Holy, holy, holy!’ Hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending.
Bow your ear to us here;
hearken, O Lord Jesus, to our humble praises.

3 O great Fount of blessing, purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit;
like the holy angels gathered all before you,
may I ceaselessly adore you.
Let your will ever still
rule your church terrestrial, as the hosts celestial.

Listening

Praying for Our Children

The Lord's Prayer – "Our Creator...."

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Psalm 2 (responsive)

Refrain (sung):

Serve God with holy fear

Why are the nations in turmoil,
and why are the peoples engaged in futile plotting?

**The monarchs of the earth arise,
and the rulers take counsel together
against God and against God's anointed.**

'Let us break their fetters,' they say,
'and let us cast off their chains.'

**The One whose throne is in heaven
laughs them to scorn,
God holds them in derision.**

You speak to them in your wrath,
and terrify them in your fury.

**'I myself have set up one to rule,
on Zion, my holy hill.' R**

I will recite the decree of God, who said to me,

'You are my child, today I have begotten you.

Ask, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance,
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

**You will crush them with a rod of iron,
and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' R**

Now therefore, you monarchs, be wise;
be prudent, you rulers of the earth.

Serve God with fear, with trembling bow down,
lest God be angry and you perish,
for God's anger is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who put their trust in God. R

John 1:1-5; 14:16-17

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Upon Your Heart" *E. Daley*

offered by Thea Koenig-Burton, Susan Rigby, Ari Snyder

Message: The Cornerstone of our Faith

Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte

*** Hymn:** "The Play of the Godhead"

MV #43

1. The play of the Godhead, the Trinity's dance,
embraces the earth in a sacred romance:
with God the Creator, and Christ the true Son,
entwined with the Spirit, a web daily spun
in spangles of myst'ry the great Three-in-One.
2. The warm mists of summer, cool waters that flow,
turn crystal as ice when the wintry winds blow.
The tap-root that nurtures, the shoot growing free,
the life-giving fruit, full and ripe on the tree:
more mystic and wondrous, the great One-in-Three.
3. In God's gracious image of co-equal parts,
we gather as dancers, uniting our hearts.
Men, women, and children, and all living things,
we join in the round of bright nature that rings
with rapture and rhythm: Creation now sings!

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

Lighting our Vision & Mission Candle

*** Offertory Hymn:** "Grateful" (chorus only)

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

Mission and Service

Work of the Congregation

*** Hymn:** "This Day God Gives Me" VU #410

- 1 This day God gives me strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.
- 2 This day God sends me strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.
- 3 God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
all that would harm me, stand by me still.
- 4 Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
King of creation, giver of rest,
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,

Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

*** Extinguishing the Candles**

*** Blessing**

*** Sung Benediction:** "Amen"

VU #967

Postlude