



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20th, 2026, 10:00 am

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*Congregational Introit:

"You Are Loved"

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You are loved. You are light. You are whole.

You are blessed. Let us join in the call.

There is love. There is light. There is hope to be shared.

Worship in Love, Love Divine, Love within.

(Repeat)

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:

We enter into the Presence today,

Trusting in God's love through actions of grace.

We enter into the Presence today,

Called to be the most real we can be.

We enter into the Presence today,

Filled with joy and peace for one and all.

Now let us worship the Presence as we sing.

Pastoral Prayer:

O Gracious Lord of mysterious abundance, as we enter into a new season, a new month, a time of spiritual renewal, may our voices express and sing praises that are worthy of your eternal love. Let the ray of sunshine that is shining through the clouds point us in the right direction. Amen.

***Hymn:** "For the Fruit of all Creation" VU #227

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God

Listening

Learning with Our Children – *Every Child Matters*

The Lord's Prayer – “Our Creator....”

Hymn: “For Everyone Born” TLUS #23

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead, and

Refrain

***God will delight when we are creators of justice and
joy, compassion and peace; yes
God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!***

For all who share life, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for all who share life, a system that's fair, and

Refrain

For those we neglect, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of the child in hands that are wrinkled,

for those we neglect, the right to belong, and

Refrain

For all who have breath, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color,
for all who have breath, the chalice of grace, and

Refrain

For you and for me, a place at the table,
Though wounded and sore, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
For you and for me, a new way to live and

Refrain

For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free, and

Refrain

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Matthew 20:1-16

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

“We Are Called”

Haas & Hayes

offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

(please raise & wave your hands in appreciation if able to do so)

Reflection: Our Vineyard – The Windphone

Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte

***We welcome Dawna MacIvor
Executive Director, Valley Hospice***

*** Hymn:** "Holy Ground" MV #174

1. Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.
Growing in everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy ground.
2. Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
part of God's promise, for others to see.
Open to everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy ground.
3. Soil of God, you and I, now called to re-birth,
joining as partners with all of the earth.
Living in harmony for here God is found.
All stand together, this is Holy ground.

Celebrating

Bringing forward our Offering

*** Offertory Hymn:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings
Flow" VU #541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Lighting the Vision & Mission Candle

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Your gifts have been showered upon us, but your gifts are not for ourselves alone.

Your gifts are meant to be shared, a response of love, joy, and generosity.

Bless these gifts and bless the givers and the recipients so that we may all know your love and grace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Work of the Congregation

*** Hymn:** “Let All Things Now Living” VU #242

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

2. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

*** Extinguishing the Candles**

*** Blessing**

*** Sung Blessing:** “Go Now In Peace”

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Go now in peace...never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every 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.

Postlude

*This week's Worship Bulletin is sponsored by Sylvia Delisle
~ in loving memory of husband, Jacques Delisle ~*