



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



Covenanter Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 27th, 2026, 10:00 am

Orange Shirt Day

Gathering Hymn Sing – Old-Time Favourites *Ari Snyder*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Lighting a 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.

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

Welcome – Every Child Matters

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

Orange Shirt Day Prayer

***Hymn:** “Creator, We Gather” VU #532(all but 5b)

- 1 Creator, we gather to offer you praise,
the source of our lives and the strength of our days,
recalling our past, yet aspiring in faith,
Lord, accept our thanks.
- 2 For beauty of building in wood and in stone,
where Christians may gather, approaching your throne,
for faith, hope and love which this edifice raised,
Lord, accept our thanks.
- 3 For artistry fashioned in lead and in glass,
for love and the talent that brought it to pass,
for colour in nature our eyes can behold,
Lord, accept our thanks.
- 4 For scriptures directing our lives for today,
for teaching that opens our minds to your way,
for words of salvation received from your Son,
Lord, accept our thanks.
- 5 For music of spirit that lifts us in song,
for great hymns that urge us in faith to be strong,
for sounds of creation, now heard in our ears,
Lord, accept our thanks.
- 6 To you, God Creator, the source of all joy,
who gave varied talents, our minds to employ,
our lives in your service we offer anew,
Lord, accept our thanks.

Welcoming a new member to OVUC – Susan Rigby

Scripture:

Psalm 96 (responsive) VU #816

Mark 10:13-16

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

“By God’s Hand”

Parker&Raney

offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

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

Reflection:

Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte

*** Hymn:**

“Blessed Assurance”

MV #337

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ’s blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.

Offering Thanksgiving

*** 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.

Mission and Service Story

*** Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" VU #642

1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*** 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