



# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 10:00 am

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Worldwide Communion Sunday

### Music as We Gather

### Gathering

**\*Congregational Introit: "You Are Loved"** *Mary Ellen Kish*

### 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:

**Amazing is our God, Creator, Source of Life, Pure Love, Pure Peace.**

**So amazing is the call to be in communion and in community, to be church, to share bread and cup in communion around the table.**

**Welcome home, welcome back. The Creator is everywhere we are. And we are here to worship God!**

### Pastoral Prayer:

Our presence here this morning is an act of commitment to the communion of faith.

**Thank you, God, for your eternal love that draws us to you and to each other.**

Our openness to your word, O Lord, is an act of faith.

**Help us grow together in understanding and compassion, in mercy and love, as part of the worldwide community of Christ.**

Our involvement in this time together is an act of worship.

**Accept our praise today, the songs from our hearts and the psalms of our lives. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: “Called by Earth and Sky”**

MV #135

***Refrain:***

***Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.***

*(After last verse, repeat twice more;  
called by earth and sky)*

- 1 Precious these waters, endless seas,  
deep ocean’s dream,  
waters of healing, rivers of rain,  
the wash of love again.
- 2 Precious this gift, the air we breathe;  
wind born and free.  
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,  
our gathering and our grace.
- 3 Precious these mountains, ancient sands;  
vast fragile land.  
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,  
Creation’s faithful song.
- 4 Precious the fire that lights our way,  
bright dawning day.  
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,  
our faith and justice one.

## **Learning with Our Children**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion - Worldwide Communion:**

#### **The Invitation:**

As we come to this table, we are reminded that this is the table of Jesus Christ, a banquet prepared for everyone, all who seek to be nourished and sustained in their journey of faith all who seek wholeness and compassionate paths to peace and justice, are welcome here.

#### **Communion Hymn:** “For Everyone Born”

TLUS # 23

- 1 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!***

- 2 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***)

3 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)**

4 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)**

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

May God be with you,

**And, also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God,

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We do praise and thank you, loving God, for all the many  
things you have done for us, your people.

You created the universe, planted a garden, filled it with  
trees, plants and rocks, animals and people and where you  
invited them to live in harmony.

**We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

You sent us Jesus. He came as a babe wrapped in swaddling  
clothes, and laid in a manger. Jesus was a son, a brother and  
a friend.

**We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

Jesus became a carpenter, a teacher and a mentor. He was a  
rabbi who invited people to follow him. He sat at table with

those whom no one else would love. He played with children, laughed with joy with wise and wonderful elders. And he proclaimed your unconditional love to all who would receive the good news.

**We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

It was in his ministry that with insight and compassion, a woman anointed him with oil to recognize the unique gift of his life. He received her blessing and instructed us to:  
*remember her always.*

**We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

So it was that on the night that he was betrayed, he shared a meal with his friends and family.

This is where he first shared the bread and the cup. He asked us to:

*"Do this in remembrance of me".*

And so, we remember Jesus today; we recognise his love made real in this bread and in this cup.

Therefore, with all people of every time and place we join the angels in their praise:

**Holy, holy, holy,**

**My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart is glad to say the words:**

**You are holy, O God!**

As we break this bread and share this cup we celebrate the mystery of our faith

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

At this time, we also remember others. Those we love. We remember those who today are suffering, who live in fear,

are hungry, homeless and grieving a loss, those who are sick and those who are dying. We name them in our hearts. May they know the presence of God in their lives through our presence to them. *(silence)*

We gather all these prayers and pray together the prayer Jesus taught us...

**Our Creator...**

**Consecration:** (the breaking of the bread and pouring of the cup)

Gracious God, Breath of peace, Source of love, we pray for your Spirit.

**Make us, while many, one. Make us, though broken, whole. Make us, despite uncertainty, alive.  
And so, we pray: Come Holy Spirit Come.**

**Invitation to Receive the Elements:**

The Gifts of God for the people of God, all is ready, please come forward.

**Communion Music** – *Carmen Peng*

**Post Communion Prayer:**

**On this Worldwide Communion Sunday, we thank you, God, for breaking into our world and pouring into our lives and our experiences.**

**We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving and the stories of love, grace, hope and joy that it tells. Amen**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture:**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Special Music:** *offered by the Steeple Strummers*

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

### **Reflection:      Shattered and Scattered**

*Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte*

**\* Hymn:**      “For the Healing of the Nations”      VU #678

- 1 For the healing of the nations,  
God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2 Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.
- 3 All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.

In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

- 4 You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that, by our response and service,  
earth its destiny may find.

### **Celebrating**

**\* 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 Mission and Vision Candle**

#### **Offertory Prayer:**

**Generous God of boundless mercy and care, may  
our offering today make a difference to the  
unnoticed and unknown places where your love is  
most deeply needed. Inspire us to sustain your  
ministries of hope and encouragement, of peace  
and acceptance. Extend our service to reach the  
corners of our communities and our world where  
your presence is most needed. Amen.**

#### **Prayers of the People**

## **Mission and Service**

### **Work of the Congregation**

**\* Closing Hymn:** “Never ending Joy”

MV #40

***Refrain:***

***Never ending joy (6X)***

- 1 God of every tribe, every language,  
God of every river and sea,  
God of every mountain and island,  
you bring joy to me.
- 2 God of every hill, every valley,  
God of every leaf, every tree,  
God of every cloud, every raindrop,  
you bring joy to me.
- 3 God of every song, every story,  
God of every captive set free,  
God of every dance, every footstep,  
you bring joy to me.

### **Extinguishing the Candles**

**Blessing: ..... Amen!**

**\* Sung Blessing:** “Amen”

VU #967

### **Postlude**