



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

Sunday, October 4th, 2026, 10:00am

19th 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.

* Hymn: "Called by Earth and Sky" MV #135

Learning with Our Children

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Worldwide Communion

(please see screen for liturgy)

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 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

Celebrating

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

VU #541

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

Extinguishing the Candles

Blessing: Amen!

Sung Blessing: "Amen" VU #967

Postlude