



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave.,
New Minas, NS B4N 3M7



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 25th, 2026, 10:00am

Peace Sunday

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*Congregational Introit: "We're the Light of All the World"
*TLUS #30 (*adapted words on screen)*

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: *(please see screen for words)*

Pastoral Prayer: *(please see screen for words)*

Opening Hymn: "Welcome to Another Day"

VU #408

Recognizing our Centre for Christian Studies Student
Andy Pitter

*Andy resumed her education in 2022 by enrolling in the Centre for
Christian Studies' diaconal program as a Continuing Education
Student. She completed their Certificate in Social Justice last
Spring and is now working on their Certificate of Christian
Education and Worship.*

Listening

Learning with Our Children

Susan Rigby

Hymn: "Our Father, Our Mother (Notre Père, Notre Mère)"

TLUS #69

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Matthew 22:34-46

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

By H. Clark

*Offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir
(please raise & wave hands in appreciation if able to do so)*

Reflection: **Roots & Blossoms of Shalom**

Ari Snyder

*Hymn: "Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

VU #574

Celebrating

*Offertory Hymn:

"Grateful"

MV #182

Lighting our Reaching Out Candle

Offertory Prayer: *(please see screen for words)*

Prayers of the People

Mission and Service

Work of the Congregation

***Closing Hymn:** “Teach Me God to Wonder” VU #299

Extinguishing the Candles

Blessing:

I saw a stranger today
I put food for him in the eating-place
And drink in the drinking-place
And music in the listening-place.
In the Holy Name of the Trinity
He blessed myself and my house
My goods and my family.
And the Lark said in her warble
Often, often, often
Goes Christ in the stranger’s guise
Oh, oft, and oft and oft
Goes Christ in the Stranger’s guise.

And the People said: **Amen!**

Sung Amen: “Amen” VU #967

Postlude