ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 01, 2026, 10:00 am

Music as We Gather

Gathering

***Congregational Introit:** "We're the Light of All the World"

TLUS #30 *Adapted words

We come in hope to still believe
In tomorrow's better day,
We come in peace in a world that's torn apart

We come in joy that will last
In all the struggles that we face,
We come in love that blooms and grows in every heart.

We are a rainbow,
Sign of covenant and peace
For the flood of tears will fin'lly cease to be.
Come shine your rainbow,
Splash your hues across the sky,

Share in worship now
Proud and bold and free
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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

Pastoral Prayer:

All: Divine One, help us open ourselves to Your presence. We come as we are, we come as your children so we might know You. We place our hope in you. Help us to keep refining our lives into your image. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Blessed Are They – Matthew 5" VU #896

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Refrain:
Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill. **R**

3 Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God. **R**

4 Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs. **R**

5 Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see. **R**

Listening

Learning with Our Children *Susan Rigby*

Hymn:"Our Father, Our Mother" (Notre Père, Notre Mère)
TLUS #69

Notre Père, Notre Mère
Creator of the universe
You whom your children call God the eternal

God of hope and God of light
Bread of life and clarity
Hallow'd be they name
Sing everywhere and glorify

And on earth as it is in heav'n
O God of grace and goodness
Help us to remain faithful to your will

Give us, every day, nourishment and love
Teach us to forgive
As you know how to forgive

Protect us from the flowers of evil
Of stormy nights and fear
And guide us to the stars
In the heart of your heart

Notre Père, Notre Mère
May our lives be prayers
That lift us up to you.
Amen! Amen!

Prayer for Illumination:

All: We seek illumination from the Divine. Help us seek and find Your love in our scriptures this day. Amen.

Scripture:

Psalm 34…… VU #761

Shout to God for joy, you righteous!
Praise is fitting from loyal hearts.

Give thanks to God with the harp;
sing praise to God with the ten-stringed lute.

Sing a new song to God; play skillfully and with shouts of joy.

For the word of God is true;
God's every deed is faithful. R

Refrain:
A new song to our God proclaim,
from age to age, rejoice!

You love what is right and just;
the earth is full of your constant love.

By your word the heavens were made,
the countless stars by the breath of your mouth.

You gathered the waters of the sea as in a goatskin;

you stored the deep in cisterns.

Let all the earth fear you, O God,

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe.

For you spoke and it came to be; you commanded and it stood firm.

You foil the plans of the nations,

and frustrate the schemes of the peoples.
Your counsel, O God, shall stand forever,
the purposes of your heart through all generations.
Happy the nation who has you as God.
Happy the people you choose as your own.
Our heart rejoices in you, O God,
because our hope is in your holy name.
Let your steadfast love be upon us
as we put our trust in you. R

1 John 3:1-3……. We are God's Children *Gender-Neutral Adaptation*
Matthew 5:1-12……..*Beatitudes*
Bless these scriptures for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "This is My Song" *J. Sibelius*
offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir
(please raise & wave your hands in appreciation if able to do so)

Reflection: Blest the Seekers *Rev. Krista Anderson*

***Hymn:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" VU #356

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

Lighting our Vision and Mission Candle

*** Offertory Hymn:** "Grateful" MV #182

Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,
O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.

Offertory Prayer:

All: We give our blessings to this community because Jesus taught us how to move our lives from lack to abundance in all we say and do. We give in a spirit of rejoicing, glad in God's promise of love.

Prayers of the People

Mission and Service

Work of the Congregation

*** Closing Hymn:** "For All the Saints" VU #705

1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

4 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
as God to glory calls them all away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Extinguishing the Candles

***Benediction:**

All: Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find. Know and the door shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah.

One: Go now with the hope that all things will be added unto you in the name of the Creator, Word and Spirit One. Amen

*** Sung Amen:** "Amen" VU #967

Postlude