ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 15, 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 Christ 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.

Centring Music

Welcome

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

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn:**"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" VU #357

1 Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

2 First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

3 Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!
And how the Master, ready and kind,
chided the billows and hushed the wind.

4 Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!

5 Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;
and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

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!

Special Presentation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Bless these scriptures for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **"Oh Jesus, I Have Promised"** *A. Lovelace*

offered by the Orchard Valley United Church Choir

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

Reflection: *Gary Dunfield*

***Hymn:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV #161

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
   I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
   I will not abandon you;
   all my promises are true.
   You are gifted, called, and chosen;
   you are mine.

2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
   read it written in my people, help them grow.
   Pour the water in my name,
   speak the word your soul can claim,
   offer Jesus' body given long ago.

3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
   feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
   Like the woman reaching out,
   choosing faith in spite of doubt,
   hold the hem of Jesus' robe,
   then let it go.

4. I have given you a name, it is mine;
   I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
   With my wonder in your soul,
   make my wounded children whole;

go and tell my precious people
they are mine.

Celebrating

Lighting our Vision and Mission Candle

Bringing Forward Our Offering

*** 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

Mission and Service

Work of the Congregation

Prayers of the People:

Leader: Hear, O people, the call of the Holy One, to love God with all our heart, our soul, and our might.
People: We listen for God's voice and open our lives to God's truth.

Leader: The commands we receive today are not merely rules for our hands, or words to be filed away in ancient books.
People: They are meant to take up residence deep within us—becoming the convictions of our hearts.

Leader: Before we can teach them to our children, or speak them along the road, they must first transform us.
People: Write Your word upon our inner spirit, that our choices may reflect Your ways.

Leader: When we sit in our homes, when we walk by the way, when we lie down, and when we rise,
People: Let Your truth overflow from our hearts into our daily speech and actions.

All: Teach us to treasure Your commands today, and let Your word live inside us now and forever. Amen.

*** Hymn:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" VU #288

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **R**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **R**

Going Forth

Extinguishing the Candles

***Benediction**

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

Postlude

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