

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, July 1, 2018 – 9:30 am

Canada Day

Welcome & News of the Community

* **Introit:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” VU #220, v1
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.*

* **Call to Worship:**

One: In the majesty of the mountain and the thunder of
the waterfall,

All: we can see God’s glory.

One: In the call of the loon and the reflection of trees in
the water,

All: we can feel Christ’s mercy,

One: In the rush of the river and the soaring of the eagle

All: we can experience the Spirit’s power.

One: So we come on this Canada Day, to worship the One
who has the power to grant us mercy and
forgiveness and lift us above our worry and fears.

**All: We come as God’s people to give God thanks and
praise.**

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

**On this Canada Day, Great Spirit, we come to offer our
thanksgiving for the beauty of nature which abounds in
this land. We give thanks for the peace and
opportunities it provides for us. May we see your
creating spirit, as we share in the goodness of life here.
And may we remember and recognize our Indigenous**

**brothers and sisters who share this land with us. Open
our hearts that we may learn from their wisdom and
understanding of your Creation. Grant us wisdom and
love as we walk the path toward reconciliation and
right relations with them. Amen.**

Hymn: “Let All Things Now Living” VU #242

Scripture Readings: Psalm 130 VU p.853
Gospel of Mark 5:21-43

Special Music: Provided by Cynthia Bruce

Message: **Contagious Love**

Hymn: “We Have This Ministry” VU #510

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory: “When We Are Living” VU #581, v2

*Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.*

Offertory Prayer: (in unison)

**We dedicate these gifts and our lives to you, O God, in
thanksgiving for your great gift of Jesus in whom we
know an inner peace which is beyond our human
understanding. Strengthen and empower us with the
Holy Spirit to be bearers of this peace wherever we go.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Music: “Bless Now, O God, The Journey” VU #633

Benediction

Music: “O Canada” VU #524