

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 15, 2018, 9:30 am

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

### Music as We Gather

### Welcome and Announcements

\* **Introit:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" VU #220, v1

### \* Call to Worship:

One: On this day, we gather with thanksgiving in our hearts.

**All: For God's love is ever constant in our lives.**

One: On this day, we would talk of all that is ours.

**All: Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.**

One: On this day, we would speak of what we believe.

**All: We will sing glad songs for all that God has done.**

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

### \* Opening Prayer

**Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" VU #642

### Offering of Our Gifts

\* **Offertory:** "When We Are Living" VU #581, v2

### \* Offertory Prayer: (All)

One: Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world.

**All: Through our giving, bring justice and love closer to all, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls.**

One: Strengthen our church and all churches so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace.

**All: Amen.**

**Hymn:** "I Danced in the Morning" VU #352

### Children's Story "The Short and Incredibly Happy Life of Riley"

### Prayer of Confession: (All)

One: Leadership and governance is on everyone's mind these days. Competing visions of the common good strive for our attention. Like the people of Israel in today's text, we may be tempted to seek rulers whose ways are not the ways of God. **(silence)**

When we forget that God's ways lead all to the blessings of justice and mercy:

**All: Lord have mercy.**

One: When we forget that God's ways lead all, especially the most vulnerable, to blessings of safety, health, meaningful work:

**All: Christ have mercy.**

One: When we forget that God's ways lead all to the blessings of the shared abundance of God's beloved creation:

**All: Lord have mercy.**

### Words of Assurance:

Jesus reminds us: "Who is my mother, and who are my sisters and brothers? All those who do the will of God are my brother and sister and mother." In Christ we are forgiven all our failed efforts at community, and invited afresh to rejoin the family of God, seeking blessing for all.

### Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 8:1-21

One: For the word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** Provided by Nancy Handrigan

**Sermon:** Gonna Want a King, Have a King, Here's a King

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "Let There Be Light" VU #679

### \* Sending Forth

### Music as We Depart