

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 12, 2018, 9:30 am

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

#### Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: God's love is shared through the light of the Son.

**All: We light this Outreach Candle to acknowledge Christ's mission in us for the life of the church. We light this Christ Candle reminding us that love will overcome all things.**

#### Welcome and Announcements

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

#### \* **Call to Worship:**

One: People, hope in God;

**All: for there is steadfast love with God, and power to redeem us from harmful ways and words and actions.**

One: People, hope in God, wait on God,

**All: come now and worship God! Amen.**

\* **Hymn:** "We Are One" VU #402

#### \* **Opening Prayer:**

One: God of Love, you have loved us first and continue to love us.

**All: We come before you, a people longing to love you in return.**

One: We hunger for your healing love in our lives, for we long to love ourselves and our neighbours.

**All: Come to us this day and fill our longing. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

#### Listening

##### Children's Focus

\* **Hymn:** "This Is God's Wondrous World" VU #296

**Scripture Readings:** Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

**Sermon:** Heart Check

\* **Hymn:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" VU #375

#### Celebrating

##### Offering of Our Gifts

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

#### \* **Offertory Prayer:**

**Lord Jesus, you who expressed your kingship not by taking but by giving, not by demanding but by sacrificing – bless us now as we follow your example in giving our lives back into your hands for the sake of others. May these gifts offered freely represent our faith in God's all-sufficient provision for our lives. Amen.**

##### Prayers of the People

##### The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU #567

#### \* **Commissioning:**

One: Go out into the world with an anger for Justice,

**All: and a joy for life.**

One: Pay attention to God prompting us,

**All: and feel our hearts grow.**

One: And the really good news is this;

**All: we live in God's grace.**

#### \* **Benediction**

##### Music as We Depart