

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 19, 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 sent us his Son to be our eternal light.

**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: The Spirit of God gave the universe birth.

**All: The Spirit of God delivered the world.**

One: Our God is the first; our God is the last.

**All: No other god declares the word of creation.**

One: Yet this same God invites us, saying, "Do not be afraid!"

**All: We worship the One who banishes fear, who comforts the trembling and quickens the faint! We worship the One whose creation is renewed and whose creatures are never forsaken!**

\* **Hymn:** "Worship the Lord, Worship the Father" VU #401

\* **Opening Prayer:**

One: As we worship this morning, O God,

**All: we pray that your spirit will be our strength,**

One: your word will be our guide,

**All: your love will be our comfort,**

One: and your promises will be our hope.

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

### Listening

Children's Focus

\* **Hymn:** "Jesus' Hands were Kind Hands" VU #570

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

**Sermon:** Eternal Life

\* **Hymn:** "Come to My Heart" VU #661

### Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**Thank you, God, for this high and holy moment in worship and in life when we have something to give that others need. Take our bread, our witness, our lives to benefit all your human family. May your glory be known among us and in all the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "Let All Things Now Living" VU #242

\* **Commissioning:**

One: Nourished with words of grace and hope,

**All: let us go to bring the Bread of life to our world.**

One: Called to be faithful as followers of Jesus,

**All: let us go to share justice and hope with all.**

One: Touched by the Spirit of wonder in these moments,

**All: let us go to bring peace to the broken.**

\* **Benediction**

Music as We Depart