

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 26, 2018, 9:30 am

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: The Light of God gives us strength and courage.

All: Our Outreach Candle sheds light into the world that needs people just like us. This Christ Candle burns with a Spirit that will overcome the challenges that we face in our everyday living.

Welcome and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship:

One: God is our strength, God is our hope,

All: God is our way of love.

One: We come now to this house of worship, this family of prayer,

All: to boldly declare the hope we find in our strong God of love.

* **Hymn:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" MV #30

* Opening Prayer:

One: Where God dwells, that place is our delight.

All: Where God dwells, our souls long to be.

One: We sing with all we are, heart and body;

All: we sing for joy to the God of life.

One: The smallest sparrow finds in God

All: a place to dwell, to lay her young.

One: All who find their home in God

All: know joy, and ever sing God's praise!

One: All who find their strength in God,

All: who walk God's way of love and hope,

One: all who sprinkle seeds of life,

All: will grow from strength to strength.

Listening

Children's Focus

* **Hymn:** "For the Fruit of All Creation" VU #227

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:59-69

Sermon: Church Clothes

* **Hymn:** "I've Got Peace like a River" VU #577

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* Offertory Prayer:

May these gifts we offer sing your praise, and welcome home those who yearn to dwell in peace, in hope, and in love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Go to the World!" VU #420

* Commissioning:

One: God is good!

All: God is life and light and joy,

One: God's way of love will lead you home

All: to what is good, and kind, and true.

* Benediction

Music as We Depart