

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 30, 2018, 11:00 am

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: We are Christ's disciples.

All: The light of the living Christ guides our hearts and minds.

One: We are Christ's hands and feet.

All: The light of this outreach candle and the Holy Spirit guide our actions to live for, and seek, justice for all.

Choral Introit: "God Be With Us"

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Blessed be our God,

All: our help in times of trouble.

One: Blessed be our God,

All: our guide along the way.

One: Blessed be our God,

All: our help and our guide.

One: Come, let us worship.

* **Hymn:** "There's a Spirit in the Air" VU #582

* **Opening Prayer:**

One: Eternal God, you create us and you rescue us.

All: Be here with us now.

One: Help us know how much we need you.

All: Teach us that no other power of love can support us like your power.

One: As you share your power with us, teach us to be Christ to the world, proclaiming your reign for all people.

All: As you lavish your love upon us, help us receive that love and offer it to the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

* **Hymn:** "What a Friend We have in Jesus" VU #664

Scripture Readings: James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Anthem: "Order My Steps"

Sermon: A Call to Discipleship

* **Hymn:** "We Have This Ministry" VU #510

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "God, Whose Form is All Creation" VU #300 v3

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Giving God, we can never match your generosity. When we are in need, you are at our side, present to us even in our darkest moments. Make us into a people who celebrate your goodness and our blessings. Receive our offerings, as they provide cool drink for all who thirst. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" VU #232

* **Commissioning:**

One: God has rescued us from sin and suffering.

All: Let us go forth, seeking to be on God's side.

One: Jesus Christ finds us when we wander far from God.

All: Let us go forth, seeking to be on God's side.

One: The Holy Spirit empowers us to welcome all into the reign of God's love.

All: Let us go forth, seeking to be on God's side, bringing the love of Christ everywhere we go.

* **Benediction**

Choral Blessing "God Go With Us"

Music as We Depart