

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 13, 2019, 11:00 am

Baptism of the Lord

*** Please rise in body and/or spirit**

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Clergy & Choir Enter**

*** Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles**

One: On all our journeys, Jesus shines a lamp to our feet.

All: We light the Christ Candle to shine God's love into all we do, and the light of Outreach Candle reminds us of what we are called to do.

*** Introit:** "God is Here" VU #389, v1

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: We gather in the name of Christ to worship God.

All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: God's love is for you and for all people, everywhere.

All: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

One: The living Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

*** Hymn:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" VU #395

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of darkness...

All: you offered light to people who lived in fear.

One: Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

All: Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light.

One: Prepare us to serve you by serving your world.

All: Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"

Sermon: Baptism Vocation

*** Hymn:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU #371

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

*** Offertory Prayer:**

**Thank you, God of Love, for the promise of this season.
We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by
Christ's coming into the world. May these gifts represent
a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all
your children everywhere. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" VU #509

*** Commissioning:**

One: You are each precious in God's sight.

**All: We go from this place, claiming our identity as children
of God.**

One: God has called you by name.

All: We go into the world to answer God's call. Alleluia!

*** Benediction**

Choral Amen (All)

Music as We Depart