

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 24, 2019, 11:00 am

7th Sunday after Epiphany

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: Take delight in the Lord, and the desires of your heart will be granted.

All: **We light these candles to remind us that Christ is the light, and the light is our guide.**

* Choral Introit: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: Trust in God.

All: **We delight in God,**

One: for God tends to the desires of our hearts,

All: **and commits us to the bright day of justice.**

One: Do not fret for God is near.

All: **We come to worship because this day and every day, God is good.**

* Hymn: "This is the Day"

VU #412

* Opening Prayer:

One: Come closer to us, O God,

All: **reconcile us to our brothers and sisters.**

One: Come closer to us, O God,

All: **care for our ageing generations.**

One: Come closer to us, O God,

All: **forgive us for our wrongdoing.**

One: Come closer to us, O God,

All: **protect us from our future famine.**

One: Come closer to us, O God,

All: **draw us nearer to each other through you.**

One: Embrace with us, weep with us,

All: **that we may be family again. Amen.**

Listening

Minute for Mission: **OVUC Outreach**

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "He Came Singing Love"

VU #359

Scripture Readings: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Luke 6:27-38

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "10,000 Reasons"

Sermon: **Being Human**

* Hymn: "Spirit, Open My Heart"

MV #79

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "Your Work, O God, VU #537, v1
 Needs Many Hands"

* **Offertory Prayer:**

**Mercy is love that demands we put our skin in the game.
God bless our offerings as you have blessed our bodies
and lives. Help us to give of ourselves, our hearts, and our
resources to see your merciful love embodied in all of us.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "May the God of Hope Go with Us" VU #424

* **Commissioning:**

One: Go from this place with a loving heart.

All: We will live in God's love.

One: Go from this place with a praying heart.

All: We will pray for others in God's love.

One: Go from this place loving our neighbour as our self...

All: because our neighbour is a part of us.

* **Benediction**

Choral Blessing

Music as We Depart