

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

Order of Worship

Sunday, February 24, 2019, 9:00 am

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Music as We Gather

Welcome & News of the Community

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Gathering Words:

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.**

Music:

“This is the Day”

VU #412 vs.1,2,4

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,

we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Opening Prayer:

One: Come closer to us, O Spirit,

All: reconcile us to our brothers and sisters.

One: Come closer to us, O Spirit,

All: care for our ageing generations.

One: Come closer to us, O Spirit,

All: forgive us for our wrongdoing.

One: Come closer to us, O Spirit,

All: protect us from our future famine.

One: Come closer to us, O Spirit,

All: draw us nearer to each other.

One: Embrace with us, weep with us,

All: that we may be family again and always. Amen.

Basket of Blessings

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

Music: "He Came Singing Love" VU #359

He came singing love and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.

He arose in silence.

For the love to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;
he died singing faith.

He arose in silence.

For the faith to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.

He arose in silence.

For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.

He arose in silence.

For the peace to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

Sharing the Story: Luke 6:27–38

Focus on the Word: **Being Human**

Music: “Spirit, Open My Heart”

MV #79

Refrain:

*Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that’s kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. **R**

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. **R**

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

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.

Music: "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

*Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

Benediction