

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 9, 2019, 10:00 am

Pentecost Sunday

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

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

One: The Holy Spirit present with us here is the same Spirit that motivated the disciples 2000 years ago...

All: Let the light of this candle ignite the Spirit within us.

* **Introit:** "And On this Path" MV #8

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Welcome friends! I'm so glad you have come. On this day, as we begin to worship,

All: we invite the love of God that awaits our call, to come into us: Gracious God of love, fill us!

One: We sit in the beam of Holy Light and in that warmth,

All: we invite the light of God that is, and was, and is to come, to energize us: Holy Spirit of fire and light, lift our souls!

One: We sink into our shoes until our feet feel grounded and sturdy,

All: and we invite the steadfastness of our God to make us strong and flexible, like the willow. Help us to be rooted and firm in you, O Christ.

One: Now, we are ready to worship!

All: Thanks be to God!

* **Hymn:** "Come, O Holy Spirit" MV #23

* **Opening Prayer:**

One: All Loving God, we pray that the hearts of all people be opened to your love...

All: We pray that our hearts are opened to all people.

One: Be with us as we work to fulfill your desire...

All: to be accepting of all people,

One: and journey with us as your Holy Spirit shows us that...

All: we are to cherish the uniqueness of all life, all creation – and that the true life you promise includes all people, everywhere, and always. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" VU #593

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "There is a Season"

Sermon: **Voices of Pentecost**

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

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "What Can I Do" MV #191

* **Offertory Prayer:**

O God, we thank you for your great generosity. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from you. Help us to serve one another and so reflect your spirit and goodness. Accept these offerings and grant that the cause they are devoted to may prosper with you are our guide. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Celebration of Confirmation

Statement of Purpose

Presentation

Commitment of New Member

Congregational Commitment:

One: Friends in Christ, let us pledge to Mary our support and care.

**All: As your brothers and sisters in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.
We pledge to you our love and our support.
With God's help, we will together live out
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

Laying on of Hands

Presentation of Gifts and Welcome

Departing

* **Hymn:** "I Feel the Winds of God Today" VU #625

*** Commissioning:**

One: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, help us to dream dreams and see visions of all that is possible for the healing and hope for this world.

Two: Help us cross lines that divide, and instead unite us to proclaim boldly that you are the Spirit of Absolute Love and Peace. Emblazon our spirits. Make bold our voices.

All: Give joy to our hearts, for we have been called to be witnesses, even to the ends of the world. AMEN.

*** Benediction**

Choral Amen

Music as We Depart