

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 23, 2019, 11:00 am

### Pentecost 2

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* Clergy & Choir Enter

\* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: We light this candle and remember God the Creator, who called forth light out of darkness.

**All: May we receive God's gift of light.**

One: We light this candle and remember Jesus, the Light of the World.

**All: May we spread God's light to everyone we meet.**

One: We light this candle and remember the Holy Spirit, who gives us light for the journey.

**All: May we walk in God's light.**

\* **Introit:** "And On this Path" MV #8, v1

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

**Welcome and Announcements**

\* **Call to Worship:**

One: When we come to this place, what are we looking for?  
When we gather together, what do we hope to find?

**All: Community? Caring? Christ?**

One: When we come to this place, what are we bringing?  
When we gather together, what do we hope to offer?

**All: Our loves? Our lives? Ourselves?**

One: Whatever you're looking for, whatever you bring, know this: this is God's home. You are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" VU #651

\* **Opening Prayer:**

**God, our refuge and our hope, come among us today to give us energy and purpose. Move us beyond following the law to the discipleship of faith. Free us from the shackles of fear and failure that keep us from stepping bravely into your future. Grant us the sense that we are not alone, but are part of a great company of your faithful people on every continent and in every nation. Amen.**

#### Listening

**Minute for Mission**

**Children's Focus**

**The Lord's Prayer**

\* **Hymn:** "My Soul Cries Out" MV #120

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 42 (p. 768 VU)  
I Kings 19:1-15a

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven"  
performed by OVUC Chimes

**Sermon:** **Ancestors in Faith: Elijah**

\* **Hymn:** "Spirit, Open My Heart" MV #79

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

\* **Offertory:**                    “What Can I Do”                    MV #191

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**We bring before you, God, our gifts – gifts of our labours, gifts from our hearts, gifts that remind us that life is to be shared with others. Bless these offerings, and the spirit in which they have been given, in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

\* **Hymn:**                        “To Abraham and Sarah”                    VU #634

\* **Commissioning:**

One: Think about it, and realize the potential you have to do good.

**All: Together, we can achieve so much.**

One: Realize what God has given you, and be thankful.

**All: When we look, we can see the work God has given us to do.**

One: Never forget that God loves you and is with you always.

\* **Benediction**

### **Choral Amen**

### **Music as We Depart**