

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

**Order of Worship**

Sunday, June 23, 2019, 9:00 am

**Pentecost 2**

**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: 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!**

**Music:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

MV #30

It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the thrush sings high in the tree.  
It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the gray whale sings in the sea. **R**

### **Refrain:**

*And by the Spirit you and I  
can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

It's a call of life to the Giver,  
when waves and waterfalls roar,  
it's a call of life to the Giver,  
when high tides break on the shore. **R**

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the bumblebees hum-a-long.  
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the summer breeze joins the song. **R**

It's the chorus of all creation;  
it's sung by all living things,  
it's the chorus of all creation;  
a song the universe sings. **R**

### **Opening Prayer:**

One: God of community, we have come once again to be with your people.

**All: Be with us as we worship.**

One: God of Good News, we have come to hear your Word, for our lives and for our world.

**All: Help us to listen, hear and understand.**

One: God of love, we have come to learn your way of love.

**All: Teach us to love each other, as you love us. Amen.**

### **Basket of Blessings**

### **Children's Time**

## Lord's Prayer

**Music:** "Jesus, Friend of Little Children" VU #340

Jesus, friend of little children,  
let me be one too;  
take my hand, and ever keep me  
close to you.

Teach me how to grow in goodness,  
daily as I grow.  
You have been a child, and surely  
you must know.

Never leave me, nor forsake me;  
ever be my friend;  
for I need you, from life's dawning  
to its end.

**Sharing the Story:** I Kings 19:1–15

**Focus on the Word: What Are You Afraid Of?**

**Music:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" VU# 670

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,

hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears,  
and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

## **Prayer in Action**

### **Affirmation:**

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:**

With the Spirit of God warming your very being, go into the world,  
and share the love of God with everyone you meet.

**Music:** "May the God of Hope Go With You"

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**