

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 7, 2019, 9:30 am

4th Sunday after Pentecost

*** Please rise in body and/or spirit**

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Clergy Enters**

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

One: We come this morning to worship.

All: Let this candle's flame help draw us closer to God who created and is creating.

*** Introit:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" VU #220, v1

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

One: In the midst of our troubles, we cry aloud to God.

All: God always hears our cries and responds to our needs.

One: God brings us up out of our trouble and sets us in a safe place.

All: God comforts and restores our souls.

One: The Lord has turned our mourning into dancing!

All: We have been clothed with joy and hope! AMEN.

*** Hymn:** "Sent out in Jesus' Name" MV #212 (x2)

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: Gracious God, mend our brokenness and our sadness.

All: Give us spirits of joy and enthusiasm for service to others.

One: Lift us up and place us on a path to peace for all.

All: Inspire us on this journey of giving and receiving hope.

One: Let us live such that we are a living witness to the love you share with unbridled generosity.

All: For us and all creation. This is our prayer. AMEN.

Listening

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "The Church is Wherever God's People" VU #579

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "What a Wonderful World"
performed by Fred Lipskey & Chris Seymour

Sermon: Summer Journeys

*** Hymn:** "Though I May Speak" VU #372

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

*** Offertory:** "When We Are Living" VU #581, v2

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Holy One, we give you thanks for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, valleys, bays, tides and rivers; for the songs of birds and the

loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts and pray that we may safeguard them for your children. Help us to use the gifts of work and service to fulfill your desire for humankind, and for all of creation. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundance, to the honour of your name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “We are Pilgrims” VU #595

*** Commissioning:**

One: God, our strength and hope, grant us the courage to shake the dust from our feet and take up the mantle of discipleship.

All: Help us to speak truth, confront injustice, and grant us the grace to give your peace, and our peace, to all we encounter.

One: Grant us grace to encourage others. We ask in the name of Jesus, who shows us a new way. Amen.

*** Benediction**

Music as We Depart