

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 14, 2019, 9:30 am

### 5<sup>th</sup> 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: As we light these candles may they remind us of God's mercy and justice and love.

**All: May the light we receive from Jesus assist us in living our lives according to God's ways. Amen.**

\* **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: People of summer, gather your hearts for worship.

**All: We bring our hearts,  
and all the pain and love in them.**

One: People of sunshine and of rain, gather your minds for worship.

**All: We gather our minds,  
and all the thoughts and doubts inside.**

One: People of growing things,  
gather your spirits for worship in this place.

**All: Our spirits are gathered, our minds and hearts are ready. Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn:** "Deep in Our Hearts" MV #154

\* **Opening Prayer:**

**All: Spirit of Life, we come today aware that we are all a part of your circle.**

One: No matter how we come, no matter what we bring, we belong in this place.

**All: May our hearts, our minds and our spirits be open to your loving presence. Amen.**

#### Listening

Time for All Ages

The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "To Show by Touch and Word" VU #427

**Scripture Readings:** Colossians 1:1-6, 9-14  
Luke 10:25-37

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Are We the Hero?

\* **Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" VU #575

#### Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

\* **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: "Who Is My Mother" MV #178

### \* Commissioning:

One: God, our strength and hope, grant us the courage to be  
the people you wish us to be.

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

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

### \* Benediction

### Music as We Depart