

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 28, 2019, 9:30 am

7th 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 presence in our lives.

All: May God's presence here be made known by the light we receive through Jesus. 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: God has been looking for you. Where have you been off to this time?

All: We have been around. There are so many distractions in our lives.

One: How long has it been?

All: It's been too long since we were reminded of God's unrelenting love.

One: Are you ready?

All: We're ready. We're exhausted chasing the elusive dreams of the world. We need God!

One: Then come home. Come back to the place where you are loved, no matter what.

All: Gladly we come home. Gladly we are here. Gladly we sing of the welcoming love of God!

*** Hymn:** "Come, Let Us to the God of Love" VU #653

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: God of grace and God of glory, come and be known to us in our gathering together;

All: come and be present in the songs we sing and in the prayers we raise.

One: From the busy roads of life, we come to find once again that you are always present and ready to receive us.

All: As we affirm our faith this day, deepen the roots of our commitment, that we may learn your calling upon our lives.

One: Surround us now with the love and comfort of your Holy Spirit and the presence of Christ. Amen.

Listening

Time for all Ages

*** Hymn:** "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" MV #18

Scriptures: Colossians 1:1-6, 9-14
Luke 11:1-13

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" VU #356

Sermon: Teach Me to Pray

The Lord's Prayer (sung) VU p. 959

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Before you, O God, we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. We lay our gifts before you in praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings. May these offerings continue the transforming work of your Spirit in and through our congregation. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** “Lead On, O Cloud of Presence” VU #421

* **Commissioning:**

One: God, our strength and hope comes from our conversations with you.

All: We will speak to God with sincerity and confidence.

One: Grant us grace to be encouraged as we journey in Jesus’ way.

All: Through our thoughts and actions, we raise our prayers.

* **Benediction**

Music as We Depart