

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 4, 2019, 9:30 am

8th 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 invite the Peace of Christ into our midst, and our hope in Christ shines on. The peace of Christ lights our way, strong and unafraid.

All: The love of God comforts and challenges. The light of Christ shines in the darkness, and darkness will never overcome it.

* 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: So many things draw us away from God.

All: We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.

One: We place our interest in temporal things.

All: But Christ calls us to a higher level.

One: We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

All: We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion. Amen.

* Hymn: "We Are One" VU #402

* Opening Prayer:

One: Loving and forgiving God, be present with us now, as we offer praise and thanksgiving for the abundance we have received through your grace.

All: You have gathered us in, from the east and the west, from the north and the south, to be your people.

One: Like a loving parent, you have sustained our needs—sharing your love with us, satisfying our thirst, and filling our hunger with good things.

All: Help us, Lord, to heed your call, that we might find peace through our knowing of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Listening

Time for All Ages

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" VU #299

Scriptures: Colossians 3:1–11
Luke 12:13–21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Mercy Still"
offered by Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk

Sermon: Born in a Barn

* Hymn: "Let's Build a House" MV #1

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

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

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Receive, O God, these fruits of the earth and the products of our labours, which we offer to you. Accept them, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “Come, Let Us Sing” VU #222

*** Commissioning:**

One: Go out this day knowing that our most important riches of love and compassion are not stored away.

All: **We will go out sharing the treasure of love Christ gives us with all we meet.**

*** Benediction**

Music as We Depart