

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 18, 2019, 9:30 am

10th Sunday after Pentecost

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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

One: Let the light of the Outreach and Christ Candles open our hearts to God's presence with us today.

All: The road ahead is not always easy, but the light of Christ will guide us on all our paths. 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: Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: We sing a song of peace and hope!

One: Sing to the Lord a song of strength.

All: Our strength is in the Lord of hosts!

One: Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

All: Our song is a song of service and faithfulness.

In our worship today we lift up our voices together.

* **Hymn:** "I See a New Heaven" VU #713

* **Opening Prayer:**

One: As we worship this morning, O God, we pray that your spirit will be our strength...

All: your word will be our guide,

One: your love will be our comfort,

All: and your promises will be our hope.

One: We rejoice in your constant care,

All: for you are faithful in love for all people. Amen.

Listening

Time for All Ages

* **Hymn:** "Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New" MV #115

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:49-56

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Back and Forth

* **Hymn:** "And On this Path" MV #8

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Loving Gardener, we offer ourselves into your nurturing hands. Receive the devotions of our labours, the fruits of our vines, and all that we are and know, that we may make a difference: in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Go to the World" VU #420

* **Commissioning:**

One: Looking backward to Jesus and his baptism

**All: we will find the courage to look forward to
discerning the challenges of our own times,**

One: joining our hopes and fears to those of Christians
throughout the centuries

All: by praying in community, "Come, Lord Jesus."

* **Benediction**

Music as We Depart