

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 25, 2019, 9:30 am

11th 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: Let the light of the Christ Candle open our hearts to God's presence with us today.

All: Let the light of Christ 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: With great rejoicing we come to God's today!

All: God is our refuge and our stronghold.

One: The love and peace of God flows through this gathering.

All: We place our whole trust in God's immense compassion for us.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

All: Let us celebrate the presence of God here in this place and in all our lives. Amen.

* Hymn: "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" VU #374

* Opening Prayer:

One: God of every season, even now we sense the promise of autumn creeping in.

All: Days are growing shorter. Children are returning to the routines of school.

One: Time moves so fast, it seems, and yet you remain constant...

All: always with us, urging us into your holy presence.

One: Help us to draw nearer to your gracious heart, as we seek to become a more complete and faithful church family.

All: This we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Listening

Time for All Ages

* Hymn: "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" VU #570

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: **Seeing Clearly**

* Hymn: "Touch the Earth Lightly" VU #307

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* Offertory Prayer:

O God, we thank you for your great generosity. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from you. Help us to serve one another and reflect your spirit and goodness.

Accept these offerings and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under your guidance.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" VU #271

*** Commissioning:**

One: From burden to blessing,

All: we go and share God's promise with the world.

One: From shadow to celebration,

All: we go and share God's promise with the world.

One: From forgotten to forgiven,

All: we go and share God's promise with the world.

*** Benediction**

Music as We Depart