

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 1, 2019, 11:00 am

12th 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: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

All: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

One: Let the love that God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

All: Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

One: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

All: As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. Amen.

* **Hymn:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" VU #395

* **Opening Prayer:**

One: Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow.

All: You led us to freedom, to hope and peace.

One: Enter our hearts again today...

All: and lead us to your healing love that we might serve joyfully in this world. Amen.

Listening

Time for All Ages

* **Hymn:** "I Come With Joy" VU #477

Scripture Readings: Hebrew 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Low Hanging Fruit

* **Hymn:** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath" MV #150

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

* **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: "O For a World" VU #697

* Commissioning:

One: Let us go out into the world remembering...

All: that we help and encourage each other to grow as the church.

One: And in all our journeys...

All: God's love goes with us.

* Benediction

Music as We Depart