

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 1, 2019, 9:00 am

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Welcome & News of the Community

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Gathering Words:

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.

Refrain:

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. **R**

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

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.

Basket of Blessings:

In these gifts, O God, we respond to the needs of our neighbours. May they be useful in bringing your desire for all humankind into full flower through the ministries of your church. This is our prayer. Amen.

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

Music:

"I Come With Joy"

VU #477

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,

alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Story Time

Sharing the Story: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Meditation: **It's Hard to be Humble**

Music: "Oh a Song Must Rise"

MV #142

Refrain:

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise
for the spirit to descend (descend).*

From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again. (again)
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

Refrain:

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise
for the spirit to descend (descend).*

From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

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.

Music:**“O For a World”**

VU #697

O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

Benediction