

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 8, 2019, 11:00 am

13th Sunday after Pentecost

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world.

All: **May its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.**

* Introit: "God Is Here" VU #389, v1

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: God of the prophets, call to us today.

All: **Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

One: God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us.

All: **Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

One: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You.

All: **Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

One: God of all creation, help us to know Your ways.

All: **We gather to hear Your call, to sing Your praise, to teach each other, to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.**

* Hymn: "This is the Day" VU #412

* Opening Prayer:

Creator God, all creation is your handiwork; your touch gives life to all that is. You who shape and form us by the breath of your Spirit and the touch of your grace, you alone are able to call forth from the depths of our being the beauty of your Spirit in us. May we in this celebration surrender more deeply to your loving touch, as you fashion and form your heart's desire in us. This we pray in your Spirit. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "Come to My Heart" VU #661

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Genesis 8:1-3, 6-17

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "Total Praise"

Sermon: **Opening Windows**

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

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "When Hands Reach Out MV #136, v5
and Fingers Trace"

* **Offertory Prayer: (All)**

God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; may we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "May the God of Hope Go With Us" VU #424

* **Commissioning:**

One: And now may we go forth in the certainty of faith,

All: in the knowledge of love, and in the vision of hope.

One: And in our going, may we be blessed with all good things on this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

* **Benediction**

Blessing: (All) "Go With the Spirit" MV #156

Music as We Depart