

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 8, 2019, 9:00 am

13th 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: 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.

Music: "This is the Day"

VU #412

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

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.

Basket of Blessings:

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.

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

Music: "Come to My Heart" VU #661

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Sharing the Story: Genesis 8:1–3, 6–17

Focus on the Word: **Opening Windows**

Music: “Spirit God, Be Our Breath”

MV #150

Spirit God: be our breath,
Be our song. Blow through us,
Bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward,
Defensive, withdrawn...
Spirit God, be our song.

Patient God: soothe our pride,
Calm our fear. Comfort us.
When we know you are near
We grow more certain
Our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.

Loving God: be our voice,
Be our prayer. Reaching out,
Joining hands as we share,
We seek your guidance through
Friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.

Spirit God: be our breath,
Be our song. Blow through us,
Bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge,
We'll greet the new dawn...
Spirit God, be our song.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

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

Music:

“May the God of Hope Go With Us”

VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

*Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**