

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 15, 2019, 11:00 am

### 14<sup>th</sup> 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: Let the light of the Outreach Candle remind us of our care for all people, and all creation.

**All: Let the light of this candle open our hearts to the faith of Christ.**

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:** "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: When the lost are found,

**All: there is joy!**

One: When hope overcomes despair,

**All: there is joy!**

One: When we seek and find God's faithfulness,

**All: there is joy!**

One: Let us seek and find together as we come together in worship this morning.

**All: God is present to us through one another! Let us worship this day.**

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

\* **Opening Prayer:**

One: God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day.

**All: Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbour.**

One: Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us.

**All: And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.**

#### Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "Over My Head" MV #88

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** "Total Praise"

**Sermon:** Growing in the Faith

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

## Celebrating

### Offering of Our Gifts

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

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help others in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

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

\* **Commissioning:**

One: Imagine the joy we find in our faith,

**All: as we step up and reach out as mentors and models to others.**

One: Listen to the whispers from God...

**All: and support one another in making them come alive for each of us.**

One: Let these words ring true for us today...

**All: as we launch this year with a deep sense of joy knowing that God has found us.**

\* **Benediction**

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

### Music as We Depart