

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 15, 2019, 9:00 am

14th 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: 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.**

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:

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.

Basket of Blessings

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.

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

Music: "Over My Head" MV #88

Refrain:

*Over my head, I hear music in the air. (repeat 2x)
There must be a God somewhere.*

When the storms of life are raging
I hear music in the air.

When the storms of life are ragin'
I hear music in the air.

When the storms of life are ragin;

I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

Additional Verses:

2. When the winds of strife are blowing....
3. When the tide of hate is risin'...
4. O Jesus is a-callin'...

Sharing the Story: 1 Timothy 1:12–17
 Luke 15:1–10

Meditation: **Kick Start Faith**

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.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

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.

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**

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.*

Benediction