

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 22, 2019, 11:00 am

15th 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 us open our hearts to God's presence with us today
as we come together to worship in God's light...

**All: Let the light of these candles help us know God's love
is with us in this place, and everywhere we go. 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: We come into God's house with praise and thanksgiving!

All: We come in celebration and song.

One: We come in gratitude.

**All: We come as those who have received blessing upon
blessing.**

One: We come in compassion for God's aching people.

All: We come to bring everyone blessings in Jesus' name.

One: We come in joy and hope!

All: Let us come into worship with celebration and song.

*** Hymn:** "Dance with the Spirit" MV #156

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: We are here, Holy One.

All: We come to be with your people...

One: to join them in your praise...

**All: and to learn to live together and with your world in
peace.**

One: Give us your blessing, we pray...

**All: that as we seek to know your will for us, we may live
lives worthy to be called your own. Amen.**

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Go, Make a Difference" MV #209

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1-13

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Make This Church a Welcome Place"

Sermon: **Who is Jesus Talking To?**

*** Hymn:** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" VU #271

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

*** Offertory Prayer:**

O God, through the offering of these gifts, we become a more open people—open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call to charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “We Have This Ministry” VU #510

*** Commissioning:**

One: Take the gifts of God into the world, remembering the poor, the least, and the lost.

All: We will take God’s gifts to a hurting world, spreading a healing balm in all that we do. Praise be to God!

*** Benediction**

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

Music as We Depart