

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 29, 2019, 9:00 am

16th 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: Praise the Lord, it's Sunday!

All: Praise the Lord, we're here!

One: Praise the Lord, in this place, at this time.

All: This is the day the Lord has made.

One: We are the people the Lord has made.

All: And we are made to worship.

One: Let's worship with strength on this fine day!

Music: "This is the Day that God Has Made"

VU #175

Refrain:

This is the day that God has made!

Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!

This is the day that God has made!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!

Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright! **R**

Refrain:

*This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!*

Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing! **R**

Opening Prayer:

One: Watchful God, we lay at the gates,

**All: some of us hungering for crumbs of mercy,
some of us covered with the sores of life,
all of us longing for the cool touch of your peace.**

One: Make your presence known to us, cross over into our hearts,
into our minds,

**All: into the deepest parts of our being, that nothing be fixed
between us and you. Amen.**

Basket of Blessings

Children's Time - Prayer Shawl

Lord's Prayer

Music: "My Love Colours Outside the Lines"

MV #138

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;

and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

Sharing the Story: Luke 16:19–31

Meditation: **Bridging the Chasm**

Music: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

Refrain:

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;

nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **R**

Refrain:

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **R**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Take the gifts of God into the world...

All: to build a new heaven, a new earth.

One: Let everyone you meet know that the gates are open.

All: Jesus has opened the gates for us to come home to God.

Music:

"Praise the Lord with
the Sound of Trumpet"

VU #245

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,

praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Benediction