

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 13, 2019, 11:00 am

Thanksgiving Sunday

*** Please rise in body and/or spirit**

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Clergy & Choir Enter**

*** Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:**

One: The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the whole world.

**All: Let the light of this Outreach candle help us remember
to share the gifts of the earth abundantly.**

One: As the light of our Christ Candle descends upon us...

All: let it gild us in our lives of faithful and generous living.

*** 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 gather this morning to celebrate the Harvest Home!

**All: We are surrounded by the beauty and bounty of the
earth.**

One: We gather with hearts filled with gratitude as our senses
take in all that we've received:

**All: the warm embrace church of our family;
the sight of produce fresh from the garden, orchard,
and field;**

**the aroma of roast turkey and oven-fresh pumpkin pie;
the sound of wild geese overhead;
and the crunch of leaves beneath our feet;
the expectation of a feast that awaits.**

One: For the bountiful blessings, in praise and thanksgiving,

All: let us worship God!

*** Hymn:** "Come, You Thankful People, Come" VU #516

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: Sower of Grace, remind us that your harvest is plentiful
even when the labourers seem few.

**All: As we gather in thanksgiving with our families,
remind us we can reap the constant promise that
each of us belongs to your family.**

One: In Christ, we are all siblings...

**All: called to share in your love, your justice, and your
mercy. Amen.**

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Make a Joyful Noise" VU #820

Scripture Readings: Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "We Gather Together"

Sermon: **Soul Food**

*** Hymn:** "For the Fruit of All Creation" VU #227

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

*** Offertory Prayer:**

God of harvests – help us to name the source of our blessings. Guide us as we make an accounting of our harvests, so we may bring first fruits of gratitude back to you in joy. For these offerings we bring, give us wisdom as we seek to apply them to the work you desire us to be about. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “Let All Things Now Living” VU #242

*** Commissioning:**

One: Go from this place with thankful hearts and joyful senses,
All: **and let us continue to share earth’s gifts abundantly!**

*** Benediction**

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

Music as We Depart