

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, October 13, 2019, 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Sunday

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: 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 of our church 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!**

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**

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: 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.**

Basket of Blessings

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

Music:

“Make a Joyful Noise”

VU #820

Refrain:

*Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!*

Know that your God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song! **R**

Enter these gates, thanks giving.
Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.
Worship your God with a song! **R**

Ages through endless ages,
seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song! **R**

Sharing the Story:

Philippians 4:4–9
John 6:25–35

Meditation:

Soul Food

Music:

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

VU #227

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Go from this place with thankful hearts and joyful senses,

All: **and let us continue to share earth's gifts abundantly!**

Music:

“You Shall Go Out With Joy”

VU #884

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,

and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field
will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field
will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field
will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

Benediction