

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 20, 2019, 11:00 am

Anniversary Sunday

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: A keeper of the Law walked up to Jesus and asked him,

Two: "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment?"

Three: *Jesus replied, "Love God with all that you are."*

One: As the man turned away to think about what he had heard, Jesus said,

Three: *"Wait, there is a second one just like the first: Love your neighbour in the same way you are to love yourself."*

One: The great commandment shines on and shines through all things: the writings of the law, the words of the prophets, every moment of our lives!

All: In every moment, Christ's light shines! Alleluia!

* 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: God calls us to remember our history.

All: God calls us to act for the sake of our future.

One: God calls us to dream new dreams.

All: God calls us to forge new adventures.

One: God calls us to love and service.

All: God calls us to be Christ's disciples.

One: May we hear God's call and follow.

* Hymn: "We Are One" VU #402

* Opening Prayer:

One: Irresistible God, thank you for calling each one of us.

All: We are here because of the faithfulness, dedication, and hard work of these church members, and those who came before us.

One: Inspire, lead and equip us to follow you in new opportunities and new paths of service.

All: May we willingly use our gifts to change people's lives and our world. Speak to us, O God, and renew our lives in Christ's name. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Special Music: "We Gather Together"
performed by Orchard Valley Chimes

Listening

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "I'm Gonna Shout, Shout" MV #183

Scripture Readings: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "How Great Thou Art / Majesty"

Sermon: **Bang at the Door**

* Hymn: "Let Us Build a House" MV #1

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* **Offertory Prayer:**

We offer our harvest of abundance from the seeds you planted within us. Bless these gifts of time, of talent and of treasure that we return to you, and that they scatter seeds of hope, of justice and of love everywhere. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "One More Step Along the World I Go" VU #639

* **Commissioning:**

One: As we leave here today, let's remember to hang in there,
knock persistently at the door...

All: refusing to give up on God or life,

One: demanding better for ourselves...

**All: and the people around us! In our faith, we will
persist!**

* **Benediction**

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

Music as We Depart