

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, October 20, 2019, 9:00 am

Anniversary 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: 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.

Music:

"We Are One"

VU #402

We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;

and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

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.**

Basket of Blessings

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

Music: "I'm Gonna Shout, Shout" MV #183

I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out my love
for Jesus, for Jesus!

I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out my love
for God's most holy child!

For whatever I might do today,
At home, at school, at work, at play,
I've got Jesus' love deep down inside of me!

Additional verses:

"I'm gonna raise, raise, raise up my hands..."

"I'm gonna dance, dance, dance all around..."

Sharing the Story: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5
Luke 18:1–8

Meditation:

Bang at the Door

Music:

“Let Us Build a House”

MV #1

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R**

Let us build a house where love is found,
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us; **R**

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,

and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear
the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **R**

Refrain:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

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!

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

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you: **R**

Refrain:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me: **R**

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know: **R**

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you: **R**

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you: **R**

Benediction