

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, October 27, 2019, 9:00 am

Peace and Reformation 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: Here is your invitation.

Unplug in this moment from daily life:

**All: from display screens and overload,
from earphones and isolation.**

One: Reconnect to visions and dreams:

**All: meadows and pastures, hills and valleys, mountains
and seas.**

One: Reconnect to the bounty of God.

All: Be glad and rejoice in God. Alleluia!

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: Holy One, Creator and Spirit of Life, we thank you for the gift of this day and this gathering of your people.

All: We have come with our joys and our brokenness.

One: We have come with our certainties and our confusion.

All: We have come with our insignificance and our power.

One: Teach us. Reach us. Nourish us.

**All: Then set us forth to walk, to talk, to write,
to live your message of peace in our corner
and through all the lands. Amen.**

Basket of Blessings:

We bring our gifts to you, O God, with cheerfulness and a joyful heart. Grant that with our gifts we may also offer a ready mind and a willing spirit to show the truth of the gospel in our lives. Amen.

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

Music:

"I Saw the Rich Ones"

MV #127

I saw the rich ones
I saw what they gave
the widow who offered
two pennies she'd saved
And I saw she was smiling
I knew she was glad
and I wondered because
she gave all that she had. **R**

Refrain:

*But with God the world
is turned upside down
The poor are embraced
And the lost they are found
Let's work for a world
Where all people are free
Where it's good to feel good about God
Loving you and me.*

I saw Zacheus, a sinner they said
But to his house I saw Jesus
Go to break bread
And I knew something special
Had happened that day
When Zacheus gave half
Of his riches away **R**

The men in the vineyards
Were grumbling one day
I knew they weren't happy
With what they'd been paid
For the ones who came later
Were paid just the same
As the workers who greeted
The dawn when they came. **R**

Sharing the Story: Luke 18:9-14

Meditation: Search for Peace

Music:

“Let There Be Light”

VU #679

Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;

open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace;

perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;

hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name;

your kingdom come,
your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your spirit never fade;

let there be light;
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

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:

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

VU #577

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

Benediction