

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 12, 2020, 11:00 am

### Baptism of Jesus

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* Clergy & Choir Enter

\* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: We light this candle to remind us of the love of Jesus;

**All: a love we long to share.**

One: Jesus was baptised to be one of us.

**All: Christ's light shines among us today.**

\* **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: When we are reluctant to dip our toes into faith's river,

**All: Jesus comes, to teach us how to swim.**

One: When we are hesitant to cup our hands to drink from the fountain of grace,

**All: Jesus comes, to reach in and splash our faces with God's joy.**

One: When we are unwilling to be the pipeline of hope,

**All: Jesus comes, to turn on the faucets God has installed in our hearts.**

One: Come, let us worship.

\* **Hymn:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" VU #374

\* **Opening Prayer:**

One: O God, our light, our beauty, our rest:

With the appearance of your Son

**All: you have brought us into your new creation.**

One: Form us into your people, and order our lives in you;

**All: through Christ, the Living One. Amen.**

#### Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "God of the Sparrow" VU #229,  
vs 1,3,5,6

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 42:1-9  
Matthew 3:13-17

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** "Fairest Lord Jesus"

**Sermon:** We Begin with Baptism

\* **Hymn:** "When Jesus Comes to be Baptized" VU #100  
vs 1,3,4,5

#### Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

\* **Offertory:** "When We Are Living" VU #581, v2

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

**By your grace, God of the waters, we can open our eyes to see those in need around us. By your abundance in our lives, what we offer can bring hope and healing to more people than we can ever imagine. By your blessing, others are invited to the waters of life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" VU #710

**\* Commissioning:**

One: We joined Jesus at the Jordan;

**All: there he was baptized.**

One: Then he went amongst the people,

**All: calling them to follow him, and we followed, too.**

One: Today, he calls us to go out into the world

**All: and share the Good News.**

One: God is with us!

**All: God is with us, indeed!**

**\* Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Music as We Depart**