

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 11:00 am

5th Sunday after Epiphany

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

* Lighting of the Outreach and Christ Candles:

One: You are the light of the world.

All: The light of the Outreach Candle illuminates our call to serve others.

One: Let our light radiate from the hilltops.

All: We light the Christ Candle to remind us of our call to be the healing light of justice and compassion.

* **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: We are here to be light.

All: Prisms for bringing out God's colours.

One: We are here to make God public.

All: Bearers of light to the world.

One: We are here to shine brightly.

All: Salt to bring out God's flavours.

One: With our hearts, our minds and our senses...

All: let us worship together.

* **Hymn:** "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" MV #138

* **Opening Prayer:**

One: Holy God, we gather now,

All: to sing your praise and hear your word.

One: Speak to us now,

All: that we may be wise enough to perceive your call.

One: Strengthen us now,

All: that we may be brave enough to answer "Yes!"

One: Guide us now,

All: that we may follow where you would have us go.

One: This we pray now,

**All: through the inspiration and joy found in Jesus.
Amen.**

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "We are Marching in the Light of God" VU #646

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:13-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "The Gift of Love"

Sermon: **We are Salt**

* **Hymn:** "What Does the Lord Require of You" VU #701

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* **Offertory Prayer:**

We offer ourselves to you, O God, through these gifts of our lives. May they make a difference in this world, bringing light and life to the troubled places of our world. Fill us with your Spirit, that our lives may also bear the light of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "We Sing of Your Glory" MV #58

* **Commissioning:**

One: We are the salt of the earth...

All: we are called to enhance, sooth, and preserve.

One: We are the salt of the earth.

All: The lives of all people are precious and treasured.

One: Go out as the salt of the earth...

All: living into the precious fullness of what we already are - loved, cherished, and serving all of God's creation.

* **Benediction**

Choral Amen

Music as We Depart