

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 16, 2020, 11:00 am

6th 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: God is always present with us, providing love abundant.

All: Let this candle's light help us to remember God's laws are for our relationships with each other.

One: This candle of peace teaches us to be true to one another.

All: The light of our relationships matter to God.

* **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: What a world we live in.

All: But was the world of Jesus any different?

One: Rules and laws broken, ignored.

All: A world broken and hurting in need of reconciliation.

One: People may say the Bible has little to offer this age.

All: Can this be true?

One: Come, let us open our eyes to peek inside and see what the bible can and does say to us in this place, in this time.

* **Hymn:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU #371

* **Opening Prayer:**

One: Come, Holy One:

All: teach us your ways, lead us in your paths, guide us on our journey.

One: Speak to us your words of life,

All: for you offer us direction and wholeness when we hear your voice and follow.

One: You bless us with your love,

All: shower us with your grace, and help us grow in faith.

One: We seek you, O God, with all our hearts.

All: Be near us this day. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Jesus Christ is Waiting" VU #117

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 21-37

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "A Blessing Prayer"

Sermon: Fake News!

* **Hymn:** "I Am a Child of God" MV #157

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 and through our lives. Help us to see beyond the world’s surface, building warm and loving and respectful relationships with all of God’s children. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** “I Feel the Winds of God Today” VU #625

* **Commissioning:**

One: Go forth to walk in God’s ways.

All: May our ways be blameless.

One: Hold fast to God in all you do.

All: Our hearts belong to God.

One: May the love of God be yours.

All: God’s blessings rest upon us.

* **Benediction**

Choral Amen

Music as We Depart