

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

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, October 11, 2020**

### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Music as We Gather**

#### **Gathering**

**\* Introit**

**\* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles**

**\* Hope Candles**

**Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People**

**Welcome and Announcements**

May the peace that Christ gives be with you.

**And also with you!**

**\* Call to Worship:**

You have been invited to a special feast.

**We're pretty busy – do we have the time?**

In this meal we remember who Jesus is for us.

**Then it is a good time for remembering and thanking.**

We give thanks for the food on our table...

**For our family and friends...**

For our church and faith families...

**And we are thankful for God working in our lives.**

In our thanksgiving and our worship, God's grace is upon us all.

**\* Hymn:**

"Come, Let Us Sing"

VU #222

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.

**\* Opening Prayer**

## **Listening**

**Children's Time / Time for All Ages:**

"Thanks for Thanksgiving"

**Scriptures:**

Exodus 32:1–14

Matthew 22:1–14

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:**

"Lord of Life"

*Offered by Dave Murphy, Nancy Handrigan,  
Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk*

**Sermon:**

**Jesus, Be Our Guest**

**Minute for Mission**

## **Holy Communion**

God is with you,  
**and with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God, our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

For you created the heavens, earth, and all that is in them:  
you cast sunbeams, open flowers, and feed insects.

You are beyond the galaxies, under the oceans, and inside each grain of wheat. You could sustain all of your creation,  
**but you will not, without us.**

Thank you for the wonders of creation and for your great trust in us. Though humanity sometimes weeps,  
**we wait lovingly for you, God.**

For you guided the doubtful Israelites, leading them to freedom, you spoke through the Judges and the Prophets, providing words of wisdom, you lived among us as a teacher, healer, and friend, giving us a sacred path to follow. You could have made us self-sustaining,  
**but you did not, your love sustains us.**

Thank you for the worldwide fellowship of disciples, who faithfully share your love with all of creation.

**We shout ALLELUIA! We sing ALLELUIA!**

With our sisters and brothers around the world, those who profess faith in Christ, and those who live other paths of faith, we celebrate life! For us who follow the Way of Jesus, we remember this day all who gather to eat the bread and drink from the cup. We come together to remember we are Christ's people. We are Christ's people, no matter what!

**We shout ALLELUIA! We sing ALLELUIA!**

Even in our brokenness, you call us back with your love. Through mothers and grandmothers, grandfathers and fathers, through prophets and priests and everyday people, you call us back to your love.

**Through Jesus, you taught us that there is nothing that can separate us from your love – not even death!**  
**ALLELUIA!**

On the night before he was taken to his death, Jesus gathered with his followers. He took bread, gave thanks to you, God of all creation, and offered it to those gathered at the table saying,

**Take this and eat. This is my body, given for you.**

**Each time you eat it, remember me.**

After the meal was over, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you, God of all love. He offered it to those gathered at the table saying,

**Take this and drink. This is my promise, in my life's blood, given for you. Each time you drink it, remember me.**

So we eat, we drink, and we remember.

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Let us prepare ourselves for this mystery as we sing the communion hymn.

**Hymn:**                      “Sent Forth by God's Blessing”                      VU #481

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

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Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

**Amen!**

Jesus Christ, the cup of love.

**Amen!**

The gift of God for all God's people.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

### **Prayer after Communion**

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**\* Hymn:** "We Praise You, O God" VU #218

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,  
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

**\* Commissioning**

**\* Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,  
the grace of Christ keep you,  
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.  
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.  
Thanks be to God!

**Music as We Depart**