

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

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, October 18, 2020

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

**Music as We Gather**

### **Gathering**

**\* Introit**

**\* Lighting of the 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:**

Look! Look, Loving God, these people are your people.

**You called to us and we have gathered at this place and time.**

Here we receive God's word with joy.

**And we are prayerful in all our endeavours.**

In your presence with us,  
**we seek spiritual renewal and rest.**

Come, God is with us. This is our day to worship.

**\* Hymn:** "This is the Day"

VU #412

This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;  
we will go in, we will go in,  
to your holy place, to your holy place.  
Open to us your gates, O God,  
we will go in to your holy place.  
Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, we will praise your name,  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name.

This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.

**\* Opening Prayer**

**Listening**

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

**\* Hymn:** "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" VU #299

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;  
let your world of beauty capture me.

**Refrain:**

*Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give.*

Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;  
let your world of people speak to me. **R**

Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,  
in your world of loving my place take. **R**

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbour when we meet. **R**

**Scriptures:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10  
Matthew 22:15–22

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music**

**Sermon:** **Bearing an Image**

## **Celebrating**

**Minute for Mission**

**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:**

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

VU #509

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **R**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? **R**

**\* 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**