

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 10:00 am

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Hymn: "Come Touch Our Hearts" MV12

Come touch our hearts
That we may know compassion
From failing embers
Build a blazing fire;
Love strong enough
To overturn injustice,
To seek a world more gracious,
Come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls
That we may know and love you,
Your quiet presence
All our fears dispel;
Create a space
For spirit to grow in us,
Let life and beauty fill us,
Come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds
And teach us how to reason,
Set free our thoughts
To wonder and to dream;
Help us to open
Doors of understanding,
To welcome truth and wisdom,
Come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in
The moments we are fragile,
And in our weakness
Your great strength reveal;
That we may rise
To follow and to serve,
Steady now our nerve,
Come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now,
This people who are gathered,
To break the bread
And share the cup of peace;
That we may love
You with our heart, our soul,
Our mind, our strength, our all,
Come touch us with your grace.

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

God is with us, helping us through our hardships

God strengthens us, and empowers us

God is with us, helping us be brave in the face of adversity

God helps us be bold and assertive in our need

God is with us, always, even when we feel our weakest

God is there to make our hearts strong again.

Hymn:

“Lord, speak to me”

VU589

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your straying children lost and lone.

O lead me, so that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, so that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Ephesians 6:10–20

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: **Armour vs Adversity**

Hymn "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV161

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are
true. You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can
claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of
doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children
whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Go, Make a Difference MV209

Refrain:

*Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
(2 more times)*

We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world. R

We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world. R

So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world. 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.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**