

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

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, September 19, 2021, 10:00 am

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

**Music as We Gather**

### **Gathering**

**Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles**

**Hymn:** "And on This Path" MV #8

And on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gate are open wide!

So enter in  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
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the gates of holiness are open wide,  
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the gates of holiness are open wide,  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
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## Recognition of the Land

## Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## Call to Worship:

Happy are those who delight in God's wisdom.

**They are like trees planted by streams of water  
yielding good fruit.**

God's pure wisdom brings peace.

**Righteousness is sown in peace, full of mercy and good  
fruits.**

Come, you happy people, you who delight in the fruits of  
creation.

**With gladness, let us draw near to God in worship.**

## Hymn:

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

VU #227

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Listening**

## **Children's Time / Time for all Ages**

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

**Hymn:**                    "Jesus, Friend of Little Children"                    VU #340

Jesus, friend of little children,  
let me be one too;  
take my hand, and ever keep me  
close to you.

Teach me how to grow in goodness,  
daily as I grow.  
You have been a child, and surely  
you must know.

Never leave me, nor forsake me;  
ever be my friend;  
for I need you, from life's dawning  
to its end.

## **Minute for Mission**

**Scriptures:** Psalm 1  
Mark 9:30-37

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

**Anthem:** **Aspiration**

*Offered by Nancy Handrigan*

**Sermon:** **Those Feisty Kids!**

**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

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts / Prayer**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn:** "Wherever You May Go" MV #216

Refrain:

*Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
And your people shall be my people too.  
Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
For I would be faithful, loyal and true.*

Say the word and I will stay,  
I will never go away,  
We will travel side by side  
And God's love will be our guide. R

From beginning to the end  
I will always be your friend,  
When you need me, I'll be there,  
You can trust my faithful care. 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!**