

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 8, 2017 – 11:00 am

Epiphany 1

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ and Outreach Candles

* **Introit (All):** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” VU 220, v1

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Epiphany is a time of revelation, a time when we see things for the first time, or in a new light.

All: Open our lives to receive your light, O God,

One: Epiphany is a time when we hear God’s call and all that God is calling us to be.

All: Open our lives to receive your calling, O God.

One: Epiphany is a time when we recognize God’s grace, abundant and overflowing.

All: Open our hearts to receive your grace, O God.

One: Epiphany is a time for worship, that we might be called by the light of Christ, led by the Holy Spirit and filled with the grace of God.

All: Open our lives to respond in worship, O God.

* **Opening Hymn:** “I Am the Light of the World” VU #87

Affirmation of Faith: We believe in God the maker, who created Heaven and Earth, star-maker, singer, source of life. We believe in Jesus the storyteller, who walked the roads of Galilee, befriender, questioner, source of truth. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is as close to us as our heartbeat, challenger, comforter, source of joy. We believe that God is in our midst, calling us to care for one another and to work for

justice and peace. We look for the light of God to shine on us and in us, through all the adventures of our nights and days. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children’s Hymn: “Jesus Saw Them Fishing” MV #113

Children’s Focus

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Readings: Psalm 72 VU p. 790
Matthew 12:1-12

Anthem: “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Sermon: Magic Magi

Hymn: “Will You Come and See the Light” VU #96

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

* **Offertory:** “What Can I Do” MV #191

Prayer of Dedication: We bring our gifts to praise you, God. You have provided all our abundance. Above all, we are thankful for your gift of Jesus Christ that gives us good news to share. May this offering accomplish among us, and far beyond us, the mission you give to each one of your people. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn of Dismissal:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” VU #686

* **Commissioning:**

One: Let us go from this service, knowing that we are blessed.

Women: Blessed with a love that knows no bounds.

Men: Blessed with a community that welcomes all.

Women: Blessed with hopefulness.

Men: Blessed with a quest and a passion for justice for all God’s creation.

One: Bursting with blessing, we go now, into God’s world. Amen.

All: Amen.

* **Choral Response:** “Four-Fold Amen”

Music as We Depart