

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 23, 2017 – 11:00 am

Easter 2 – Camping Sunday

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles

* **Introit:** “Halle, Halle, Halle” VU #958 (x1)

* Call to Worship:

One: Shhh, did you notice that?

Two: People are talking, whispering, laughing...

One: That too, but more...

Two: There's the hum of electricity, the speakers, instruments ready to break out into song.

One: That too, but more... a vibration.

Two: Hey, do you feel that?

One: I feel a bit chilly, I feel thirsty...

Two: That too, but more...

One: I feel a bit nervous in front of all these people...

Two: That too, but more... a presence.

All: God is here!

One: That's it! God is here!

Two: That's it! God, the vibration, presence, in us, through us, around us, God is here!

All: Let's celebrate!

Hymn: “It Only Takes a Spark” VU #289

Opening Prayer: Our Loving God, this morning we pray for peace.

Peace in our hearts. Peace in our homes. Peace with justice in our church, community, and world. Amen.

Minute for Mission: An Acre of Corn
Canadian FoodGrains Bank

Church Camp – Video

Listening

Campfire Songs

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Anthem: “The Earth Adorned”

Sermon: **Too Good to Be True???**

Hymn: “Jesus, Stand Among Us” VU #396

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” VU #541

Offertory Prayer: Through these gifts, O God, may we heed the voice of justice, hear the call to compassion, embrace the way of sharing, and know relationship to the Living Christ.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn of Dismissal:** “Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold” VU #605

* Commissioning:

One: As we leave this place of worship, may we take with us the story of God's steadfast love that has been with us since time began.

All: May we live the faith, rooted in the stories of faithfulness we have remembered.

One: May we be sustained by God's presence and drawn into the future filled with hope.

All: Thank you, God, for rainbows and campfires, for opportunities to feel your love outside in your wonderful world.

One: God's love and God's promises are always with us.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* **Choral Closing: (All)** “Wherever You May Go” MV #216
(chorus only)

Music as We Depart