

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 7, 2017 – 11:00 am

Easter 4

* 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:** "Worship the Lord" VU #501 chorus

* **Call to Worship:**

One: God calls the practical people to worship:

All: The cooks and cleaners, those who work with hammers, and those who wield paintbrushes,

One: God calls the counsellors and advisors to worship:

All: The social workers and teachers, those who work with feelings and those who work with computers.

One: God calls retired folks to worship:

All: The fit and the struggling, those who enjoy gardening, those who care for their grandchildren.

One: God calls boys and girls to worship:

All: The shy ones and the daring, those who enjoy soccer, those who play baseball.

One: God calls the challenged ones to worship:

All: Persons of varied abilities, those who wheel happily, and those who sing joyfully.

One: God calls every one of us to worship:

All: We are here! We rejoice in being together. Amen.

* **Hymn:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" VU #395

Prayer:

Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before You; encircle us with Your love. Bless us with Your sustaining presence; surround us with Your grace. Draw us to Your Living Word, and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ, whose Spirit is in our midst. Amen.

Listening

Hymn: "Are You a Shepherd?" MV #126

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 11: 38-42

Anthem: "I Want to Be Ready"

Sermon: Martha, Martha

* **Hymn:** "Go Make a Difference" MV #209

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

* **Offertory:** "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands" VU #537 v1

* **Offertory Prayer:**

O God, your blessings are unfailing. In response to your great generosity to us, we bring our gifts for blessing. Our gifts will bless this congregation, as they are transformed into teaching, listening and singing. They will bless the world as they are transformed into healthier communities, training for jobs, and lively centres of faith. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn of Dismissal:** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" VU #512

*** Commissioning:**

One: As you were with us in past days, O God, you are with us still.

All: You are with us as we reflect on the modern-day saints in action.

One: You are with us as we pose the hard questions and are challenged by the answers.

All: You are with us as we struggle to work out life's direction with Christ as a pattern.

One: You are with us as we venture fearfully into new territory.

All: You are with us as we leave this church to faithfully begin a new week.

One: Go in Peace. God goes with you.

All: Amen!

*** Choral Closing: (All)** "Wherever You May Go" MV #216 chorus

Music as We Depart

We welcome to Orchard Valley United Church and to our worship this morning, members of the Evangeline Chapter #15 (Kentville) and Laurel Chapter #67 (Berwick) of the Order of the Eastern Star.