

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 21, 2017 – 11:00 am

Easter 6

* 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 #401 chorus

* **Call to Worship:**

One: It’s a beautiful Sunday morning, and we have gathered for worship.

All: We are grateful for the gift of this new day, and for the gift of this time together, that we might bring God the offering of our lives, and be strengthened by God’s friendship and presence.

One: May this time be a blessing to us. Come, and let us worship God.

* **Hymn:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” VU #333

Prayer:

We raise our eyes and you are there, God. We look to the heavens and you are there. We look at each other, and we see you there. We look inside ourselves, and you are there as well. No matter where we go God, you are there. Always. Forever. Hallelujah! Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Hymn: “Draw The Circle Wide” MV #145

Children’s Focus

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-21

Anthem: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Sermon: No Disappointment Here!

* **Hymn:** “My Soul Cries Out” MV #120

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* **Offertory Prayer:**

We bring our gifts to you, God. Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts. Accept them and use them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn of Dismissal:** “Go To The World!” VU #420

* **Commissioning:**

One: Take these words of Jesus with you: “I will not leave you orphaned.”

All: We are never alone!

One: “Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me.”

All: God guides us in all we do.

One: “Because I live, you will live also.”

All: In Christ we have new and everlasting life. Amen.

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

Music as We Depart