

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 8, 2017 – 11:00 am

Thanksgiving 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: "Gather Us In" MV #7

* Call to Worship:

One: We have come here to sing songs of thanks to God.

All: Our God who has done marvellous things.

One: God's steadfast love surrounds us from one sunrise to the next.

All: God's love keeps us from one sunset to the next.

One: God's love gives our lives meaning and purpose.

All: We have come to give thanks to God for God's love.

One: Give thanks and praise to God.

* Hymn: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" VU #516

* Prayer:

For all that is, we bless you God. For joy fulfilled and sorrow survived we give thanks. For grain from the earth and rain from the sky, for our nights and our days, we bless you, our God. With our prayer and praise and worship we bless God and give thanks. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

* Hymn: "We Plough the Fields" VU #520

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings: Psalm 66 VU p. 785
(Parts 1 & 2, Refrain 2)
Matthew 6:25-33

Anthem: "A Thanksgiving Prayer"

Sermon: **Dancing in the Streets**

* Hymn: "We Praise You, O God" VU #218

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* Offertory: "Grant Us, God, the Grace" VU #540

* Offertory Prayer:

With all that we have, with all that we are, we come to you, God Most Holy – knowing that everything is blessed by your love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" VU #236

* Commissioning:

One: Go into the world as God's thankful people.

All: We go with thanksgiving in our hearts.

One: Tell the world that God is good.

All: We go with thanksgiving on our lips.

One: Show that you are thankful in your living.

All: We go to live thankful lives in God's world.

Choral Blessing: "Go Make a Difference" MV #209
(refrain only)

Music as We Depart