

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 15, 2017 – 11:00 am

### World Food Sunday

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

### Gathering

\* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles

Introit: "Gather Us In" MV #7

\* Call to Worship:

One: O God, source of all life, you are with us always. You reveal yourself as a seed,

**All: that we may taste, be nourished, and grow in you.**

One: You reveal yourself as water,

**All: that we may be softened and cleansed by you.**

One: You reveal yourself as earth,

**All: that we may be nurtured and grounded in you.**

One: You reveal yourself as wind,

**All: that we may be touched and inspired by you.**

One: You reveal yourself as fire,

**All: that we may be refined and energized by you.**

One: You reveal yourself as a child,

**All: that we may wonder with amazement at your wisdom and beauty. We are your people, God. We come to worship you!**

\* Hymn: "This Is God's Wondrous World" VU #296

\* Prayer:

**O Holy One, you are our host as well as our shepherd. You invite us to the banquet, the banquet of life. All parts of the world are invited – enemies and friends, the alienated and powerful, those close at hand and those far off. You offer the abundance and lavishness of bread broken and shared and the cup of refreshment that leads to new life. We praise and thank you for your abundant spirit. Goodness and love unfailing, these will follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the home of our God for all eternity.**

### Listening

\* Hymn: "I'm Gonna Shout!" MV #183

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Responsive Scripture: Invitation to the Feast

(Isaiah 25:6-9; 55:1-3; Psalm 23:5-6)

**All: All of you who are thirsty, come to the water! Come and drink – even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk – it's all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Come and listen to me, and you will eat what is good!**

One: In Jerusalem, our God will spread a wonderful feast for all the people of the world. It will be a delicious banquet with clear, well-aged wine and the choicest meat.

**All: For God prepares a feast before us in the presence of our enemies. God anoints our heads with oil; our cups overflow.**

One: Surely God's goodness and unfailing love will follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in God's house forever.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-10

Anthem: "Soli Deo"

Sermon: Make Hunger History

\* Hymn: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" VU #681

## Celebrating

### Offering of Our Gifts

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

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**With these gifts, God, we bring our hopes for a world where there is enough for all. Enough what? Enough bread for this day, enough trust for tomorrow, enough joy to fill your people with song, enough faith to know that these gifts to you are your gifts to us. Magnify them in your name, to heal, to create, and to bless. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People:

*Congregational Response: "Lord, have mercy."*

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

\* **Commissioning:**

**All: We have listened, we have shared. We have sung, we have prayed. We have been about God's work.**

One: Go from this holy place with hope.

**All: Forgiveness will be received.**

One: Friendship will be given and received.

**All: Compassion will be practiced.**

One: Justice will be sought out.

**All: Christ will be recognized among family, friends and strangers. With God's help, we will be about God's work.**

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

### Music as We Depart