

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 29, 2017, 11:00 am

### Pentecost 21

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ and Outreach Candles

\* **Introit:** "Gather Us In" MV #7

\* **Call to Worship:**

One: O God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.**

One: A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past.

**All: From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.**

One: You satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love.

**All: From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.**

One: We praise you and your glorious power.

**All: From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God, and we worship you.**

Opening Prayer: (All)

Loving God, as a parent tenderly cares for its child, you deeply care for each of us. May we come before you, without

flattery, seeking neither praise nor prestige, but with hearts filled with the love of Christ, ready to do the work of the Gospel. Amen.

\* **Hymn:** "Come, Let Us Sing" VU #222

Prayer of Confession:

Forgive us, God, when we doubt our abilities...

Forgive us, God, when we question the power of you working through us...

Forgive us, God, when we fail to love ourselves as you love us...

Forgive us, God, when we fail to love each other...

Forgive us, God, for all of our iniquities...

Forgive us, God, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

One: When it seems that being a follower of Jesus Christ in today's world is beyond us, God breaks through and gives us a sign of hope,

**All: when we hear an encouraging word from a friend, when re-reading a familiar scripture brings new insight, when a sufferer takes heart in the midst of crisis.**

One: We know in our heart we are not alone. God will never give up on us or desert us. We are God's beloved.

**All: Thanks be to God for new hope and new opportunities.**

#### Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Hymn: "Behold, I Make all Things New" MV #115

Children's Focus: "Moses Blesses Joshua"

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 90, parts 1 & 3 p. 805

Special Music: "Morning Has Broken"  
Performed by Fred Lipskey and Chris Seymour

**Sermon:**                    **Seeing from Afar**

\* **Hymn:**                “My Love Colours Outside the Lines”            MV #138

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

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

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**We offer to you the work of our hands, the love of our hearts,  
the fruits of our labour, trusting that they will be used for  
your service and to your glory. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

\* **Hymn:**                “May the God of Hope Go with Us”            VU #424

\* **Commissioning:**

One: We are people of the Way. We are now called to leave this  
sacred gathering:

**All: to find new directions; to discover new stories; to  
explore new ways of being the Body of Christ together.**

One: We give thanks for the way stretched out in front of us, and  
all of the challenges, fears, and possibilities it brings. We  
give thanks for the way that lies behind us; it has faithfully  
led us this far. We give thanks for the new ways that will  
emerge:

**All: May we continue to follow in the way that you are  
leading with hopeful and daring hearts.**

\* **Choral Blessing:**        “Go Make a Difference”                    MV #209  
(refrain only)

### **Music as We Depart**