

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 14, 2017 – 11:00 am

Easter 5

* 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: Come to this place, knowing that God is here.

All: We come to worship in a spirit of hope.

One: Come to this place, a safe place, where God will keep us safe.

All: We come to worship in a spirit of peace.

One: Come to this place to be renewed in faith, knowing the risks for us when we proclaim the gospel.

All: We come to worship in a spirit of faith.

One: Come, let us worship God.

* **Hymn:** “God Is Here” VU #389

Prayer:

Shape your church, loving God, to reflect your Way, making it a foretaste of your new creation. Hasten the dawning day when all your people of every language, race, class and nation, will rise together to turn worship into witness, to live no longer afraid of death, to follow our waking dream of wholeness and home, and to feast together at your table. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Hymn: “Like A Rock” MV #92

Children’s Focus

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Readings: Psalm 95 Part 1 VU p.814
I Peter 2:2-10

Anthem: “His Mother and Her Hood of Blue”

Sermon: Made of Good Stuff!

* **Hymn:** “Will Your Anchor Hold?” VU #675

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* **Offertory Prayer:**

We bring ourselves, Creator God: living stones that you can build into vessels of healing and transformation for our world. Use us, and the gifts we bring, to make a difference in the lives of others. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn of Dismissal:** “Make Me A Channel” VU #684

* **Commissioning:**

One: Friends, you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

All: We belong to God.

One: You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of the shadows into his amazing light.

All: Once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people. Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

One: Go, and share it with others! Amen.

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

Music as We Depart