

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 18, 2017 – 11:00 am

Pentecost 2

* 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:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" VU #220, v1

* **Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 8)

One: "You have made us a little lower than the angels, O God."

All: We gather with all the saints of all the ages, to bring you joyful praise, Glorious God, Wonderful Creator.

One: "You have made us a little lower than the angels, O God."

All: We gather to give thanks for your Holy One, Jesus our Saviour, our Teacher, and our Friend.

One: "You have made us a little lower than the angels, O God."

All: We gather under the influence of your Holy Spirit, to ask justly, to love kindness, and to walk as your humble people.

* **Hymn:** "It's A Song of Praise to the Maker" MV #30

Prayer:

Come to us quietly, gently, O God. Enable us to hear your still small voice as we pray. Come to us in all the wonder and diversity of Creation. Enable us to respond with praise and thanksgiving. Come to us in the person of Jesus who lived our life. Enable us to follow with faith and responsibility. Come to us through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Enable us to bring light to the dark places. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Hymn: "Glory to God" MV #36

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Revelation 4:1-8

Anthem: "Peace Like a River / Amen"

Sermon: **The Faith We Sing: Holy, Holy, Holy**

* **Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy" VU #315

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "Creator God, You Gave Us Life" MV #27, v3

Offertory Prayer:

It is through these gifts, O God, that we can share your love with our world. Through them the compassionate word is heard; through them, those who mourn are comforted; through them, the despairing receive hope; through them, the hungry are fed. Bless these gifts, O God, and go with them, into the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn of Dismissal:** "Go to the World" VU #420

* **Commissioning:**

One: We go to meet the worst in life,

All: knowing that Christ walks with us in the struggle.

One: We go to share in the brokenness of the world,

All: knowing the Spirit brings healing and hope as our helper.

One: We go to celebrate the joy and the wonder of faith,

All: knowing God's grace guides us always.

* **Sung Blessing:**

"May the Blessing of God Be Upon You" VU #429

Music as We Depart