

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 24, 2017 – 11:00 am

Pentecost 16

* 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

* Call to Worship and Opening Hymn:

One: The earth comes from God and has its being in God.

All: **We also belong to God and have our being in God.**

One: Open your doors, all who seek to follow God's way.

All: **We open our doors to God; the doors of our churches, our homes and our hearts.**

One: May God come and dwell in our midst.

All: **Come and dwell with us, Holy One. Make us your own once again in this time of worship.**

* Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" VU #238

* Prayer of Approach:

God, the leaves turn, the world turns, our lives turn, but we gather here this morning to stop for one brief hour, to declare this time for you. And so, let us feel your presence here today. Let us feel you gathering us into the great love story of the universe.... Let us feel you within us, around us, through us, through all creation.... Let us experience you in silence.... Amen.

Listening

* Hymn: "Praise our Maker" VU #316

Minute for Mission

Children's Story

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 30 VU p. 757

Anthem: "Make the Church a Welcome Place"

Sermon: **Glory in The Morning**

* Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" VU #651

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* Offertory: "God, Whose Form is All Creation" VU #300, v3

* Offertory Prayer:

One: Why have you given these gifts to God?

All: **We don't give out of duty, but because God has been so generous to us. We don't just want to help folks we know and the needs of these communities, we also want to bring hope to people in need in other places. And we don't just give gifts of money. We offer our best talents and abilities, and we give our time, to be used in God's service.**

One: We give, Loving God, always mindful of your measureless gift in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* Hymn of Dismissal: "Bless Now, O God, The Journey" VU #633

* Commissioning:

One: We have been fed by the stories of faith.

All: **We turn our faces into uncertain places so we may know God.**

One: We have been sustained by being together today.

All: **We give our lives back to the God who cares for us.**

One: May the God of manna and justice go with us.

All: **May God's Spirit surround us with hope as we walk with Jesus.**

Choral Amen

Music as We Depart