

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 26, 2017, 11:00 am

### Reign of Christ Sunday

\* 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

\* Choral Introit: "May the Words"

\* Call to Worship:

One: This is no ordinary place. This is God's house.

All: **This is the place where the prophets cry out for peace and justice and righteousness.**

One: It is the place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives, to offer us the mystery of holy love.

All: **This is no ordinary gathering. This is where God's people come together to hear the Good News.**

One: We are all welcome here. Let's worship God.

\* Hymn: "Rejoice! The Lord is King!" VU #213

Prayer:

**Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless: we praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness, a realm of peace, in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished, in which the stranger is welcomed, the hurting are healed, and the captive set free. Guide us by your truth and love, until we and all your people show forth your reign of justice and compassion. We pray in the name of your anointed one, our servant-king, to whom with you and the Spirit, one Holy God, be honour, glory and blessing, this day and forever. Amen.**

#### Listening

Minute for Mission: Poverty Dolls

Children's Hymn: "Make A Joyful Noise" VU p. 820

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

Anthem: "The Hope We Have in Jesus"

Sermon: **Keys to the Kingdom**

\* Hymn: "We Are Pilgrims" VU #595

#### Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

\* Offertory: "When We Are Living" VU #581, v2

\* Offertory Prayer:

**These gifts will enable the face of Christ to be seen, among the sick, among the distressed, among the fearful, among the lonely, among the depressed, among**

**those who lack confidence, a compassionate,  
understanding and friendly face. Bless these offerings,  
for we bring them in Christ's name. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

\* **Hymn:** "Your Hand, O God, Has Guided" VU #274

### \* **Commissioning:**

One: Go from here as those committed to bring Christ's  
reign closer.

**All: We will challenge the powerful; we will support  
the suffering; we will be a word of hope to the  
despairing; we will be an encouraging presence to  
the venturesome.**

One: Go with confidence, go in peace!

\* **Choral Blessing:** "Go, Now, in Peace"

### **Music as We Depart**