

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 28, 2018, 11:00 am

Epiphany 4

* 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:** "God is Here" VU #389, v1

* **Call to Worship:**

One: People of faith, come and worship!

All: We rejoice in this opportunity to worship together.

One: People of faith, come and praise!

All: We rejoice in this opportunity to sing with heart and voice.

One: People of faith, come and pray!

All: We rejoice in this opportunity to open ourselves to God's leading.

One: People of faith, come and listen!

All: We rejoice in this opportunity to hear the scriptures and to respond with faithful service.

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

Prayer:

One: You challenge us to use our faithful authority, O God;
All: authority not reliant on the structures of the world, but on your gentle, affirming approach.

One: You inspire us to use our faithful authority, O God,
All: authority born of wise insight, careful study, and skillful practice.

One: You are with us as we use our faithful authority, O God,
All: authority rooted in scripture, the prayer-based way of Jesus.

One: You support us as we use our faithful authority, O God,
All: authority which runs counter to the powerful and fear-making forces, authority that will not leave the oppressed to suffer.

One: You know, O God, those times when we impose our opinions and our ways on others and you call us to change.
All: We will put our rigid and selfish ways behind us; we will listen to the needs and dreams of those around us; we will search out Christ's compassionate and just way for our faith community.

One: As you do that, you will experience peace and fulfillment.
Thanks be to God!

Listening

Minute for Mission

Hymn: "Jesus Bids Us Shine" VU #585

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 21-28

Anthem: "God of Heaven"

Sermon: By Whose Authority?

* **Hymn:** "Take My Life" VU #506

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** “When We Are Living” VU #581, v2

* **Offertory Prayer:**

We are grateful to be your people, to be called to be generous, to be in ministry in your world. Bless our gifts, our giving and our hopes for a world in which your will is done. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** “Sent Out In Jesus’ Name” MV #212

* **Commissioning:**

One: Leave this place in the confidence of Jesus Christ.

All: The faith community will be renewed; the sick will know hope; the despised will get the respect they deserve; the guilty will know pardon; the proud will be humbled; and each one of us will feel the loving acceptance of God.

One: Yes! You may go in peace.

* **Choral Amen (All)**

Music as We Depart