

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 11:00 am

Easter 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:** "Welcome, Happy Morning" VU #161, v1

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Bring us together, O God, as a shepherd gathers the flock.

All: Your care for us is wholehearted.

One: Sustain us, O God, in the testing situations of life.

All: Your strength is our endurance.

One: Keep us faithful, O God, when we feel most alone.

All: Your friendship is expressed through your people.

One: Let us worship God.

* **Hymn:** "The Lord's My Shepherd" VU p. 747

* **Prayer of Invocation:**

Good Shepherd, we meet in your name, confident that we are known and loved by you. We live for the moments when your voice is heard and your will is clear. We long to walk with you beside the still waters and to lie down in green pastures. Nourish us now by your Word and Spirit and help us to worship with our voices and with our lives. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Hymn: "Are You A Shepherd?" MV #126

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 10:11-18

Anthem: "Be the Light of Christ"

Sermon: **It's Your Choice!**

* **Hymn:** "He Leadeth Me" VU #657

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" VU #541

* **Offertory Prayer:**

We present our gifts for blessing; so those who are lost will find the Way of Jesus; so those who are suffering will know the compassion of Jesus; so those who are alone will link up with the friends of Jesus; so those who are afraid will find peace in the community of Jesus. Bless these gifts as we follow the Good Shepherd and as we care for his flock. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "Wherever You May Go" MV #216

* **Commissioning:**

One: Listen to the voice of Jesus.

All: The shepherd is calling us by name, calling us to give thanks, convincing us to listen carefully, challenging us to live justly, rejoicing that we share worship and service with other Christians, promising us peace within the struggle, assuring us life, life in all its fullness.

One: Listen to the voice of Jesus.

* **Choral Blessing**

Music as We Depart