

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 11:00 am

Easter 5

* 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: Jesus is the true vine and God is the vine grower.

All: We are the branches.

One: It is God's Word that makes the branches strong.

All: God celebrates when we act faithfully and stay connected.

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

Listening

Minute for PAR

Hymn: "I Saw the Rich Ones" MV #127

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings: Psalm 22, Part 3 VU p. 746
John 10:11-18

Anthem: "By God's Hand"

Sermon: **Some Vine, Some Branches!**

* **Hymn:** "We Have This Ministry" VU #510

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* **Offertory Prayer:**

You call us to be your people, God, you call us to be the church; you share so many things with us. As your people, as your church, we offer what we have and who we are to you. Blessed by your love, may these gifts be a blessing for the world. Alleluia, loving God! Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "For the Fruit of All Creation" VU #227

* **Commissioning:**

One: Go from this place knowing you are rooted in Christ.

All: We go as faith-filled people, nourished on the branches of the True Vine.

One: Go from this place trusting in the Spirit's leading.

All: We go as those who know God's presence in our lives.

One: Go from this place sustained by God's loving grace, today and every day.

All: Amen.

* **Choral Blessing**

Music as We Depart