

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 27, 2018, 11:00 am

Pentecost

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles

* **Introit:** "Come, We That Love the Lord" VU #715, v1

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Today we celebrate Pentecost, the powerful completion of the great 50 days of the Easter season.

All: Many of us have come wearing something red, symbolizing this great festival of wind and flame.

One: And we come in celebration of the birthday of the Christian Church of which we, too, are an important part.

All: So let's sing and dance in celebration of God who created us, Christ who redeemed us and the Spirit who empowers us.

Hymn: "Come, O Holy Spirit" MV #23

A Litany for Pentecost:

One: Those who fly kites know that kites are earthbound and cannot lift and soar until they are caught by the wind.

All: People and churches are earthbound and cannot be themselves until the wind of God's spirit lifts them to fly.

One: Kites are not free to thrust and move until they are let go to explore the skies.

All: People and churches are not free to love and care until they can let go and catch the Spirit which is love.

One: Kites have no power or direction unless they are caught and controlled by the wind.

All: People and churches have no power and direction unless they allow the Spirit of God to move within them.

One: Let's pray together:

All: O God, may your Spirit lift us from being earthbound and free us to soar, to explore, to have direction and purpose. O God, help us to fly as people freed by your Spirit, to live and to love. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Hymn: "I'll Fly Away"

In the Holy Spirit I will soar (I'll fly away)
To a place of peace forevermore (I'll fly away).

Refrain:

*I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
Through the sky, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.*

Come with me and sail upon the wind (I'll fly away)
Follow Christ our Saviour and our friend (I'll fly away)

I will send my spirit like a dove (I'll fly away)
showing, sharing, God's amazing love (I'll fly away).

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2: 1-4

Anthem: "Walk Dem Bones"

Sermon: **So Much Change!**

* **Hymn:** "I Feel The Winds of God Today" VU #625

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** “Grateful” MV #182 (Refrain)

* **Offertory Prayer:**

O God – giver of life, of salvation, of the Holy Spirit – we thank you for the gifts you continue to pour out on us. Take these gifts we return to you and use them for your glory now, and forever more. In Christ’s name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” VU #375

* **Commissioning:**

One: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: Go forth into the world, bringing peace and love to all.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: And may God’s blessing go with us all.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

* **Sung Blessing (All):** “May the Blessing
of God Be Upon You” VU #429

Music as We Depart