

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 24, 2018, 11:00 am

### Pentecost 5

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

\* **Introit:** "Gather Us In" MV #7 (x2)

Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, gather us in,  
ground us, ground us in you.

\* **Call to Worship:**

One: We have been called by God,

**All: to give God our hearts.**

One: We have been called by God,

**All: to show God's love to all.**

One: We have been called by God,

**All: to be disciples.**

One: We have been called by God.

**All: Now we respond in worship.**

**Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" VU #232

Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

**Opening Prayer:**

One: Loving God, Creator of the earth, the skies, the waters,

**All: O God, your living water fills our souls.**

One: Thank you for the gift of this day. Thank you for  
always being with us.

**All: O God, your living water fills our souls.**

One: When we feel lonely or sad,

**All: O God, your living water fills our souls.**

One: When we feel empty or bored,  
**All: O God, your living water fills our souls.**

One: May our souls be filled during this time of worship,  
**All: O God, your living water fills our souls. Amen.**

## Listening

### Stories

**Hymn:** "Dance With The Spirit" MV #156 (x3)  
Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

### Children's Focus

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 9:38-50

**Anthem:** "Furaha!"

**Sermon:** **Hugs All Around!**

**Hymn:** "He Leadeth Me" VU #657  
He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

#### **Refrain:**

*He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By his own hand he leadeth me!  
His faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me!*

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. **R**

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine,

content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **R**

And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the victory's won,  
even death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. **R**

## Celebrating

### Offering of Our Gifts

**\* Offertory:** "When Hands Reach Out" MV #136, v5  
Your Spirit gives us differing ways  
to serve you well and offer praise.  
When all are joined as one, we'll be  
your able, strong community.

#### **\* Offertory Prayer:**

**The work of our hands and our hearts, our time and talents, our commitment, all these we offer to you, O God, in hope that they will be of benefit to the needs in our world. Bless and multiply them to your use, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

#### **Litany of Parting:**

One I: We thank you, the members and friends of Orchard Valley United Church, for the love and support you have shown us while we have ministered among you.

One J: We are grateful for the ways our leadership has been accepted. We ask forgiveness for the mistakes we have made. As we leave, we carry with us all that we have learned here.

**All: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now take your leave from us. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.**

One J: We accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and we forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

One I: We release you from turning to us and depending on us. We encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new minister, Don Sellsted. Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* **Hymn:** "God Be With You 'till We Meet Again" VU #422

God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Refrain:**

*Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.*

God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. **R**

God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. **R**

God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threatening wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again. **R**

\* **Commissioning:**

One: The God who called you to this place of worship sends you out to be the Good News for your small corner of the world.

**All: We will go in hope, for God goes before us. We will go in joy, for God is our companion. We will go with courage, for God believes in us. We will go in peace, for God's peace will keep us secure.**

One: Go in peace. And may all that you do be done in love. Amen.

\* **Choral Amen**

**Music as We Depart**