

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 11:00 am

Pentecost 23

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ and Outreach Candles

* Choral Introit: "May the Words"

* Call to Worship:

One: Are you ready?

All: **We have prayed that God will bless our time together.
We are ready!**

One: Are you ready to be together here?

All: **Our church friends are with us, and they care for us.
We are ready!**

One: Are you ready to praise God?

All: **We look forward to our part in the praise and the
singing. We are ready!**

One: Are you ready for worship? Are your lamps lit?

All: **The stories of Jesus await us. The Holy Spirit will send
us out enthused. We are ready.**

* Hymn: "Jesus Bids Us Shine" VU #585

Prayer:

**Holy God, be with us as we worship. Keep us awake with our
lamps lit. Show us how to spread your light and your love to
each other, and to everyone we meet. Replace our**

**foolishness with wisdom, our pride with faith, and our
slumber with wakefulness. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Hymn: "Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp, keep my burning,

Keep me burning till the break of day.

Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!

Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings.

Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!

Sing Hosanna to the King.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

Give me joy in my heart, I pray.

Give me joy in my heart, keep my praising,

Keep me praising till the break of day. **R**

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,

Give me peace in my heart, I pray.

Give me peace in my heart, keep my loving,

Keep me loving till the break of day. **R**

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,

Give me love in my heart, I pray.

Give me love in my heart, keep my serving,

Keep me serving till the break of day. **R**

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings: Psalm 78 VU p. 792
Matthew 25:1-13

Anthem: "Praise His Holy Name"

Sermon: "Five Foolish Bridesmaids"
What's Your Excuse?

* Hymn: "Let There Be Light" VU #679

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Loving and gracious God, we give you these gifts in the hope that through them the light of your love may be glimpsed, by those gathered here, and also by others. Through these gifts you have our commitment to keep our lamps burning. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "I Am the Light of the World" VU #87

* **Commissioning:**

One: May the blessing of light be upon us, light without and light within.

All: May the sun shine on us and warm each heart till it glows like a great fire, so that strangers and friends may come in and warm themselves.

One: May the light shine out from our eyes, like a candle set in the windows of a house.

All: And may God bless us and bless us kindly. Amen.
(from the Irish Celtic tradition)

* **Choral Blessing:** "Go, Now, in Peace"

Music as We Depart