

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 14, 2018, 11:00 am

Epiphany 2 The Sacrament of Holy Communion

* 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: "God is Here" VU #389, v1

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

* Call to Worship: (from Isaiah 43:1-3)

One: All God's children: kids and seniors and inbetweeners,
Listen. God has a message for you. "Fear not, for I have
redeemed you; I have called you by your name. You are
mine."

All: Thanks be to the God who calls us.

One: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."

All: Thanks be to the God who stands beside us.

One: "For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your
Saviour."

**All: Thanks be to the God in whom we live and breathe and
sing!**

* Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU #371

Prayer:

**Come, Holy Spirit, come quickly to our aid. Move us from
distraction to focus, from busy-ness to centredness, from
anxiety to peace, from fretting to rejoicing, from selfishness
to humility, that our love may be full, our joy may be
complete, and our task may be clear. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Listening

Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 3:1-10

Anthem "At the Table"

Sermon: **Voices in The Night**

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* Offertory Prayer:

**Bless us as we work out our faith in community: in our
gathering together, in our praising, in our learning, in our
speaking out, in our keeping silent, in our serving and in our
giving. Bless these offerings which enliven this community
of faith and faith communities far from here.**

* Hymn: "As We Gather at Your Table" VU #457

Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: ... and joining your unending hymn:

Sanctus: (All)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Consecration

Invitation

Fraction and Distribution

Prayer after Communion

Prayers of the People

* Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" VU #509

*** Commissioning:**

One: God chooses messengers and prophets in every age. God's work needs your prayer, your love, your self.

All: In faith, we hear and answer. In hope and joy we go to bear witness to the love that frees and heals.

*** Choral Amen (All)**

Music as We Depart