

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 1, 2018, 11:00 am

Easter Day 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:** "Welcome, Happy Morning" VU #161, v1

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Easter is here.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Death is defeated.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Hope is alive.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Community is restored.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

* **Hymn:** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" VU #155

Invocation:

God of Resurrection, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb of our world has been opened wide. With the dawn

has come a new creation. Let our celebration today empty our tombs, renew our lives, and release your power; through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Listening

Hymn: "Halle, Halle, Halle" VU #958 (x3)

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

Anthem: "Alleluia, Christ is Alive"

Sermon: What Does Easter Do for You?

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

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

* **Offertory Prayer:**

O God, through these gifts we proclaim new life in the risen Christ: we offer our love, our care, our friendship, our support. Bless these gifts, and our gifts of talent and time, that we may make a difference, and that everyone may know that Jesus lives. Amen.

Anthem: "Sing! The Lord is Risen"

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" VU #468

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

* **Hymn:** "Thine is the Glory" VU #173

* **Commissioning:**

One: You are risen with Christ, share your enthusiasm!

Choir: We will celebrate with the joyful.

Cong: We will comfort the sorrowing.

Choir: We will give confidence to the downhearted.

Cong: We will encourage those without hope.

Choir: We will bring faith to the doubtful.

**Cong: We will share resources with the needy human
family.**

One: And you will be wonderfully blessed. Go in peace.

Music as We Depart