

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 8, 2018, 11:00 am

Easter 2

*** 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: This is the day that God has made.

All: We will rejoice and be glad!

One: Let us come into God's presence with praise and thanksgiving –

All: singing hallelujahs to our Maker.

*** Hymn:** "This is the Day!" VU #175

Prayer of Invocation:

God of new life and new beginnings, we gather to rejoice and sing praise. We gather to worship. All of nature proclaims the Risen Lord. Hear us, God, as we shout loud hosannas and hallelujahs. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Hymn: "I Can Feel You Near Me, God" MV #48

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 20:24-31

Anthem: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Sermon: **This Side of Easter**

*** Hymn:** "Spirit, Open My Heart" MV #79

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Easter changes everything. We have moved from death and shadows into life and resurrection. The early believers were so changed that they gave all they possessed to sustain the needs of their community. In thankfulness for the blessings of Easter we give of ourselves to God, who gives us resurrection, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "We Shall Go Out" VU #586

*** Commissioning:**

One: And now into God's world we go, to continue our walk with Jesus in all the places life calls us to be. Let us go with joy,

All: for God calls us to share God's work.

One: Let us go with purpose,

All: for God equips us for the work to which we are called.

One: Let us go with hope,

All: for God will show us the places where we are most needed.

One: And help us never to forget.

All: Best of all, God goes with us.

*** Choral Blessing**

Music as We Depart