

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 13, 2018, 11:00 am

Christian Family Sunday

* 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:** "Come, We That Love the Lord" VU #715, v1

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Families come in many forms.

All: Different sizes and different shapes.

One: Made up of people.

All: Sometimes we are in families by birth, sometimes by choice.

One: Most families are filled with love.

All: They share love with one another, so that their homes are a welcoming and safe place.

One: Some families have difficult times.

All: They experience anger and sadness, hurt and fear, so love is hard to find.

One: In the church, we call ourselves family too, Christ's family.

All: We are sisters and brothers in Christ's love.

One: As we share Christ's love with one another,

All: may we work together to make this church a safe and caring place for all. Amen.

* **Hymn:** "Come, Let Us Sing" VU #222

* **Opening Prayer:**

God, our source of light and life, you lead the way to courage, to kindness, to generosity, and to love. You call us to be your people and to live in community with one another, always moving to our place of wholeness. God, your love makes us whole. Help us to receive your love with open hearts, so that we may become attuned to your will and way. We ask that you strengthen us as your people, gathered to praise and to serve you. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" VU #226

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1 VU p. 724
John 17:6-19

Anthem: "Celebrate God's Love"

Sermon: Prayer = Heart Language

* **Hymn:** "Who is My Mother?" MV #178

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "Grateful" MV #182 (Refrain)

*** Prayer of Dedication:**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer of all creation, we bring our tithes and offerings this day, praying that your Spirit will transform them into blessings for those in need. May your breath of life flow through them, through our lives into your world, bringing hope, strength, courage and peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “He Leadeth Me” VU #657

*** Blessing:**

As we go from this time of worship, let us rejoice in the creative power of God . Look around and be thankful for your families, for your friends in this faith family and in the community. Look within yourself as you enter the days ahead and be sure to take Christ's loving Spirit into each day with you.

Go now in the peace of Christ.

*** Sung Blessing (All):** “May the Blessing VU #429
 of God Be Upon You”

Music as We Depart