

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 20, 2018, 11:00 am

**\* Please rise in body and/or spirit**

### Music as We Gather

**\* Worship Leaders 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: God of Creation,

**All: God of Salvation, God of Wind and Flame!**

One: Changeless God,

**All: Ever-seeking, Ever-reaching, Ever-teaching God.**

One: Sovereign God

**All: Prince of Peace, Comforter and Friend**

One: God in three Persons,

**All: Blessed Trinity!**

### \* Prayer of Invocation:

One: Generous God, you gave us our voices, no two the same,  
no finer instruments with which to praise you.

**All: For these we thank you.**

One: You gave us words and music, peculiar gifts, with which  
to wound or wonder, bore or bless, inspire or disable.

**All: For these we thank you.**

One: And in your church you have gathered us. In your  
community of common folk and complainers, prophets  
and puzzled people, you have made a place for us.

**All: For this we thank you.**

One: So let what we say and do here, what we ponder and  
decide here, be real for us, and honest to you, and

prepare us for the life of the world in which you are also  
praised. Amen.

**All: Amen.**

### Remarks

**Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy" VU #315

### God the Creator

### Minute for Mission

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-3, 1:31-2:3

**\* Hymn:** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" VU #291

### Children's Story

### Hymn Story

### God the Saviour - Jesus

**Scripture:** Matthew 4:18-22

### Hymn Story

**\* Hymn:** "Jesus, You Have Come To the Lakeshore" VU #563

**\* Prayer:** (VU #564)

**Jesus Christ, our Saviour, alive and at large in the world;  
help us to follow and find you today in the places where  
we work and meet people, spend time and make plans.  
Teach us to see through your eyes, and to hear the  
questions you ask; by the power of the Cross and in the  
freedom of your Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

**Anthem:** "Total Praise"

### God the Holy Spirit - With Us

**Scripture:** Ezekiel 36:24-28

### Hymn Story

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

## Offering of Our Gifts

\* **Offertory:**                    “Grateful”                    MV #182 (Refrain)

### \* **Offertory Prayer:**

**God is the Giver of life, Christ is the Gift sent to share our life, and the Holy Spirit the power that enables us to continue in generosity, justice and joy. Bless our gifts and help us to open our hearts and our lives to God and one another. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People** with

                                         “Come Now, Almighty King”                    VU #314

\* **Hymn:**                    “Now Thank We All Our God”                    VU #236

### \* **Commissioning and Benediction:**

One:    May God our Creator who crowns each of us with glory and honor, Christ Jesus who bears our pain and shows us the Way, and the Holy Spirit who gives us light and life, go with you and fill you with strength, courage, hope, and love.

**All:    Thanks be to God!**

One:    Go in peace.

**All:    Amen.**

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

## **Music as We Depart**