

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 17, 2018, 11:00 am

Pentecost 4

* 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:** "Gather Us In" MV #7 (x2)

* **Call to Worship:**

One: So many different sorts of people are gathered to worship you, O God:

All: different in age and in outlook, different in background and in occupation, together in giving thought.

One: We have so many different feelings as we gather to worship:

All: downhearted and lacking confidence, worried and depressed, together in hope.

One: We have so many different ways of following Jesus:

All: practical and compassionate, spiritual and playful, together as disciples.

One: We have so many different visions for the faith community, as we gather to worship:

All: focusing on the local community, witnessing through music, serving the global church, together in Christ's love. Amen.

Hymn: "Let Us Build A House" MV #1

Listening

Minute for Mission

Hymn: "The Church Is Wherever" VU #579

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Mark 4: 26-34

Anthem: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Sermon: A Little Matter of 250 Years

Hymn: "It Only Takes A Spark" VU #289

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "When Hands Reach Out" MV #136, v5

* **Offertory Prayer:**

You have chosen us as givers, O God, and also those who work with the gifts of the faith community. May the generosity of our gifts of money be matched by our willingness to give our time and talents to Christ's present-day work. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "Your Hand, O God Has Guided" VU #274

* **Commissioning:**

One: No longer afraid, we go forth with joy!

All: the love of God will motivate and direct us.

One: Filled with hope, we go forth with praise on our lips.

All: The example of Jesus Christ will show us the way.

One: Held in the love of God, we go forth to bring change for good!

All: We will be inspired to work with God's Holy Spirit.

* **Choral Amen**

Music as We Depart