

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 22, 2018, 9:30 am

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

### Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

\* **Introit:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" VU #220, v1

\* **Call to Worship:**

One: As God is our shepherd we need nothing else.

**All: We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters.  
This indeed renews and refreshes our spirits.**

One: God guides us along paths of righteousness

**All: And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we  
are not afraid. The shepherd's staff comforts us.**

One: God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our  
enemies. And it's there that we're anointed with oil and  
our cup overflows.

**All: Goodness and mercy shall never leave from us as  
long as we dwell in the house of God.**

\* **Hymn:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" VU #374

\* **Opening Prayer**

### Listening

\* **Hymn:** "Would You Bless our Homes and Families" VU #556

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**Sermon:** High Hopes

\* **Hymn:** "May the God of Hope Go With Us" VU #424

### Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

\* **Offertory:** "When We Are Living" VU #581, v2

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**O God, we thank you for your great generosity. All that we  
are and all that we have is a gift from you. Help us to  
serve one another reflecting your spirit and goodness.  
Accept these offerings and grant that the through them  
may your work prosper. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

\* **Hymn:** "We are Pilgrims" VU #595

\* **Commissioning:**

One: Now go, to greet stranger and dear friend alike.

**All: We'll share God's steadfast love as we seek to live in  
faithfulness.**

One: Now go, to share Christ's compassion with everyone.

**All: We will tear down dividing walls and build bridges  
of hope.**

One: Now go, patient with yourself and others.

**All: With the spirit of God with us, we will be able.**

One: Now go, presenting and being the spirit of openness.

**All: We will build communities that welcome all.**

Music as We Depart