

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 2, 2018, 11:00 am

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: Over the centuries, God has spoken through many prophets.

All: May the light of these candles remind us of the Word God has set before us, and that God is still speaking to us and to the world.

Welcome and Announcements

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

* Call to Worship:

One: Come to this sacred place to find God in reverence and in awe.

All: We come ready to be inspired.

One: Come to this ordinary place to find God in everyday life events.

All: We come ready to be surprised.

One: Come to this prayer-soaked place to find God in each other.

All: We come ready to worship.

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

* Opening Prayer:

One: Creator God, You have loved us passionately into being.

All: We come today seeking Your presence and to know we are Your beloved!

One: Enter our sanctuary and enter our hearts that we may look into Your loving gaze,

All: and see ourselves reflected there, as You see us.

One: Let our love for You reflect and mirror Your perfect love as we gather as Your Beloved Community.

Listening

Children's Focus

* **Hymn:** "She Comes Sailing on the Wind" VU #380

Scripture Readings: Genesis 1:1-25
Psalm 33:1-9
John 1:1-14

Special Music: Ken Hassell & Wayne MacDonald

Sermon: Earth Sunday

* **Hymn:** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" VU #509

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

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

* Offertory Prayer:

May these gifts we offer sing your praise, and welcome home those who yearn to dwell in peace, in hope, and in love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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

* Commissioning:

One: We leave this place and go our separate ways toward different horizons.

All: When we are discouraged, we will lift our eyes to the mountains and we will know this is where our help comes from.

One: Earth itself rises to teach, love, and provide for itself and us.

All: And so we also rise to teach, love, and provide for Earth and for each other.

* Benediction

Music as We Depart