

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 9, 2018, 11:00 am

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

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: Baptized by the waters of the sky, standing firm on the earth, breathing deep the breath of life, warmed by these flames...

**All: we go where Christ's light shines!
Alleluia and Amen!**

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

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: Peoples from every corner of creation,
All: celebrate with all creatures on Earth!

One: Young and old across the planet,
All: rejoice in the day that God has made!

One: So then, let's worship in gratitude for this day.

*** Hymn:** "God, We Praise You for the Morning" VU #415

* 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

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

*** Hymn:** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU #400 x2

Scripture Readings: Genesis 1:26-28
Mark 10:41-45

Special Music: Cynthia Bruce & Nancy Handrigan

Sermon: **Taking Charge**

*** Hymn:** "Called By Earth and Sky" MV #135

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* Offertory Prayer:

With hearts of praise, O Lord, we dedicate to You these gifts of our lives and work. Use them, as You use us, to the fulfilling of Your purposes for creation, that we might give glory to You not only in the hearing, but in the doing of Your word. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" VU #575

* Commissioning:

One: We are called to be masters of all the earth.

All: We will take full responsibility for our task.

One: We are made in God's likeness...

**All: we are the living image of God, caring as God cares...
loving as God loves!**

* Benediction

Music as We Depart