

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 11:00 am

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

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Clergy & Choir Enter**

*** Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:**

One: As disciples of Christ, we are called to take up our cross and follow...

All: The very essence of who we are is saved when we follow Jesus, our saviour and our light!

*** Choral Introit:** "God Be With Us"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Today, God calls out to our world in love.

All: God calls out every day.

One: Today, at this moment, we pause and listen.

All: Come, celebrate. God is calling your name.

*** Hymn:** "New Every Morning" VU #405

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: God, we are here to worship.

All: We are here to listen.

One: We are here to know.

All: We are here to be known.

One: You know me by name, and we know You...

All: You are our Messiah! Help me today to know You more fully. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

*** Hymn:** "Jesus, Friend of Little Children" VU #340

Scripture Readings: James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Anthem: "It is Good, O Lord"

Sermon: Follow the Leader

*** Hymn:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV #161

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "God, Whose Form is All Creation" VU #300 v3

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Thank you, God, for this high and holy moment in worship and in life when we have something to give that others need. Take our bread, our witness, our lives to benefit all of Your human family. May Your glory be known among us and in all the world.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU #567

*** Commissioning:**

One: Who do people say we are?

All: We are Christians, following the ways of our Christ.

One: We go out today preserving the very essence of who we are.

All: We go from this place following Jesus our Christ, making our faith and love for all, known to all.

*** Benediction**

Choral Blessing: "God Go With Us"

Music as We Depart