

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 23, 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: When we search for God in our lives, God takes the initiative.

All: The light of the Outreach candle guides our hearts of compassion.

Two: God meets us in the faces of the least of us.

All: The light of the Christ Candle illuminates the face of Christ in everyone we meet.

* Choral Introit: "God Be With Us"

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: Jesus calls each of us into a relationship with God.

All: We welcome Jesus' Mountain Top invitation.

One: The least and the most, all are invited to worship.

All: Together where we are, mountain or valley, we come and celebrate God's grace. Let us worship!

* Hymn: "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" MV #10

* Opening Prayer:

One: We are here, Lord.

All: We come to be with Your people, to join them in Your praise.

One: We learn to live with each other in peace.

All: Give us your blessing so as we seek to know your will for us, we may live lives worthy of your disciples. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

* Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me" VU #365

Scripture Readings: James 3:13-18
Mark 9:30-37

Anthem: "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"

Sermon: **Glorious Failures**

* Hymn: "We Praise You, O God" VU #218

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: "You Servants of God" VU #342

* Commissioning:

One: We leave this time and place, continuing our journey as
God's people:

All: surrounded by the wonders of God's creation,

One: accompanied by the One who shared our existence

All: embraced in the purposeful caring of the Spirit,

One: to be God's faithful people

All: in all the places life calls us to be.

* Benediction

Choral Blessing "God Go With Us"

Music as We Depart