

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 7, 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: We pause to consider all that God has provided for us.

All: The light of these candles shine with God's light, hope, peace, love, and blessings upon us all.

*** 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: We gather together as people of God,

All: to sing, to pray, to give thanks!

One: We gather together as disciples of Christ,

All: to sing, to pray, to give thanks!

One: We gather together as movers in the Spirit,

All: to sing, to pray, to give thanks!

One: And with our songs, with our prayers, with our thanksgivings, and with our lives,

All: we worship the One who is with us all our days.

We worship the One who lives in us, through us, and around us. We worship the One who is life itself— God of all Creation! Amen.

*** Hymn:** "Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New" MV #115

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: Holy One, as the birds begin their travel plans,

All: as shades of orange fill the pumpkin patch,

One: as the valley beauty turns to reds and golds,

All: we are filled with gratitude.

One: We are thankful for the earth that is alive around us,

All: for our families and friends that give us life,

One: for all that makes life good.

All: May we give our thanks freely, so all around us may feel your presence. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" VU #357

Scripture Readings: Joel 2:21-27
Matthew 6:25-33

Anthem: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Sermon: For This, We Give Thanks

*** Hymn:** "Come, You Thankful People, Come" VU #516

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

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

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Bless these gifts to your service, God. May the food and fellowship that we share together around this table be a glimpse and taste of the beloved community that is to come; a community ruled by love, wrapped in mercy, and guided by justice. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion - Insert

* Hymn: "Give Thanks, My Soul, for Harvest" VU #522

* Commissioning: *(Bob Root)*

One: Let's leave this time and place of worship remembering
God's goodness to us:

**All: a goodness known in Creation, in our relationships,
and most especially known in Jesus Christ.**

One: Let us commit ourselves to lives of thanksgiving and
thanks-living, remembering that when we are simply
grateful, life is simply great!

**All: Let us go now, with smiles on our faces,
with joy in our hearts, with purpose and in kindness,
to be God's people in all the places life calls us to be.**

* Benediction

Choral Blessing: "God Go With Us"

Music as We Depart