

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 21, 2018, 10:00 am

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

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Clergy & Choir Enter**

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: With God on our side, ever the impossible is possible.

All: The light of the Outreach candle shines hope into the hard places of our world. This Christ Candle shines with God's peace, love, and blessings upon us all.

*** Choral Introit:** "Holy God, VU #894, v1
We Praise Your Name"

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, looking back to see the paths taken,

All: Looking forward to the way ahead.

One: We honour all those who have been, and those who are, a part of us today.

All: We've learned and grown from the joy and enthusiasm of all, past and present.

One: We celebrate who we are today,

All: And welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us.

One: We gather to worship God,

All: the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

*** Hymn:** "Let Us Build a House" MV #1, vs 1&2

One: All you Saints, yes you, look around and see the faces of those we know and love...

All: ...neighbours and friends, sisters and brothers, a community of compassionate and kindred hearts.

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we are just now getting to know...

All: ...our newest friends, first time or newly returning, and ones we meet with an open hand.

One: People of God, look about and see the face of Christ in all who gather here, in body or in spirit.

All: In each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.

One: People of God, come, let us worship together.

*** Hymn:** "Let Us Build a House" MV #1, vs 3&4

*** Opening Prayer:**

God who calls us to be the church in this place and time, we come together to celebrate Your presence among us. In our time this morning, as we sing and pray and listen, awaken in us our hope for the future. May our time together remind us why the church is needed in the world. Amen.

*** Hymn:** "Let Us Build a House" MV #1, vs 5

Sacrament of Baptism

Statement of Purpose

Presentation of Candidate:

On behalf of the congregation of *Orchard Valley United Church*, I present the following child for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism: **Remington Fredrick Smith**, son of Jessica Smith.

Profession of Faith and Promises:

Commitment of Parent:

Jessica Smith,

Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice,
and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in Christ's
community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live
with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

I will, God being my helper.

In baptism, Remington marks an important step in his
journey of faith. Will you care for him, and help him to
take his place within the mission and witness of Christ's
Church?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of Sponsors:

Joanna Hills and David Henry,
will you pray for this child and take care that he may
learn and live the faith?

I will, God being my helper.

Congregational Commitment:

We have heard the will of Remington's mother and
sponsors. We receive ***Remington Fredrick Smith*** in
Christ's name, as we ourselves have been received. We
all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ.
Will you support Remington with constant love,

wholesome example, Christian teaching, and faithful
prayer?

We will, God being our helper.

Affirmation of Faith: "A New Creed"

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God;
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the church;
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water:

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life,
and within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped
promise your Spirit hovered at creation. By water,
comes the growth of the earth. Through water, you led
the children to Israel to freedom. In the waters of the
Jordan, your Child Jesus was baptized. Now may your
Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may

be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Act of Baptism:

Baptism
Blessing
Marking with the Sign of the Cross
Laying on of Hands

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle and Certificate:

Remington Fredrick Smith, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

Amen.

Declaration and Congregational Welcome:

Into the household of faith, we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

**We are members of the Body of Christ.
We are inheritors of God's promise.
In the name of the Christ, we welcome you.**

Blessing

Hymn: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" VU #442 vs 1

Listening

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Water Flowing from the Mountains" MV #87

Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:1-7
Mark 10:35-45

Anthem: "There is Joy in the House"

Sermon: **Ministry to the Saints**

*** Hymn:** "Go, Make a Difference" MV #209

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" VU #541

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Gift-giving God, we came together in a new and unique way six years ago and have gathered in this place to share what we are and have. Help us continue this sharing of our time, talent, and treasure. May the gifts we give be gifts of Love. May they increase the power of Love in the re-creation of the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

*** Commissioning:**

One: We take a quick glance back at the road we've taken.

All: We look back in appreciation, nostalgia, and reverence.

One: We look forward with steadfastness in our commitment.

All: We commit ourselves to Christ's ways.

One: We have a clear purpose,

All: and our dreams are big dreams.

One: We follow the road to God's realm,

All: with the vision of Jesus in our hearts.

One: Go in peace, and with the assurance of the Spirit, to love and serve God and each other.

*** Benediction**

Choral Blessing "God Go With Us"

Music as We Depart

Anniversary Refreshments