

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 28, 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: The light of God can outshine the deepest darkness.

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.

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

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: The world might try to keep us down.

All: We come to this place to lift each other up.

One: Our faith strengthens us.

All: We come raising our voices over the noise of the world.

One: Jesus calls us to this place.

All: We open ourselves to God's Spirit in this place.

One: Come, let us worship God.

* Hymn: "Dance with the Spirit" MV #156

*Walk, Sing, Go

* Opening Prayer:

One: Holy God, you loved us first and continue to love us.

All: We come this morning longing to love you in return.

One: We hunger for your healing love in our lives.

All: We desire to love ourselves and our neighbours.

One: Fill our longing hearts in this place today.

All: Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" VU #299

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:46-52

Anthem: "Blest Are They"

Sermon: **Rise Up**

* Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU #371

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* Offertory Prayer:

God is the giver of all good things including life itself. We are asked to encourage the sharing of all God's gifts to fulfill God's purpose for creation. In this way we give from our abundance with thanksgiving. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* Hymn: "Wherever You May Go" MV #216

* **Commissioning:**

One: Go from here with courage in your heart.

All: We raise up those whom the world holds down.

One: Go from here with Jesus' voice calling to us.

All: We cast off all that comes between us and Jesus.

One: Go from here with faith that will never let you down.

All: We go from here following Jesus on the way.

* **Benediction**

Choral Blessing "Go Now In Peace"

Music as We Depart