

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 4, 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 shine into our 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: **(All)** "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: People of God, prepare your hearts!

All: We prepare them, as many have done in this place before us.

One: Prepare your spirit, all you Saints.

All: God calls us here because this is where we need to be.

One: People of God, prepare to worship!

All: We're here to worship, and we're ready!

One: Good! Then let us worship God!

* Hymn: "For All The Saints" VU #705
Vs. 1,2,5,6

* Opening Prayer:

One: We come into this sacred space mindful of the generations of faith who have come before us:

All: adults and children, those confident and those questioning,

One: men and women, hopeful and despairing.

All: We give thanks for the welcome all receive from you, and for the ways we continue to be surrounded by community.

One: With grateful hearts, we hold the names of those who have shaped our faith in love and prayer...

All: helping us to be the saints in our time and in your ways. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "This Is God's Wondrous World" VU #296

Scripture Readings: Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

Anthem: "The Mighty One"

Sermon: **The Primal Scream**

* Hymn: "I See a New Heaven" VU #713

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

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

*** Offertory Prayer:**

God is the giver of all good things including life itself. We give in our way to help bring in a new earth and a new heaven, fulfilling God's purpose for creation. We give from our abundance with thanksgiving. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "Walk with Me" VU #649

*** Commissioning:**

One: Go from this place continuing the work of making our world new with the Spirit of Christ. Where there is hurt, and tears are falling...

All: we will be God's comfort.

One: Where there is anger, and violence reigns supreme...

All: we will be God's peace.

One: Where there is neglect, and loneliness abides...

All: we will be God's love.

One: Go as the Saints of this generation who are the love of God, the incarnation of Christ, and the friendship of the Spirit.

All: Amen.

*** Benediction**

Choral Blessing "Go Now In Peace"

Music as We Depart