

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 18, 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 gather this morning as people seeking a path of peace.

All: The presence and motivation of God are symbolized by these Candles - a visible reminder of the invisible Spirit walking with us on this journey.

***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: God, is our protection, our refuge;

All: our counsel, our hope.

One: God shows us the Way;

All: God is our guide, on this journey.

One: In this worship we come to provoke, challenge, comfort...

All: and encourage each other in our call to faithful living. Come, let us worship together.

*** Hymn:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" VU #356

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: Loving God, help us to recognize the gift of being here together, to do your work for your sake.

All: We each come with different gifts of the spirit to share. We each come with different cultures, assumptions, values, theologies, and understandings.

One: Help us to celebrate and learn from these differences, so they draw us closer.

All: Help us to create space where all are free to share their gifts, doubts and questions in community, remembering that we are each God's living letters of faith, hope, and beauty. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "I Am Walking a Path *of Peace" MV #221
*of Peace, of Grace, of Love

Scripture Reading: Mark 13:1-8

Anthem: "O God, Beyond All Praising"

Sermon: **Apple Tree of Peace**

*** Hymn:** "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" VU #635

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Give us thankful hearts, O God, for your grace to us in life and health and strength. Let these gifts of your bounty and of our hands be used to honour you now and in your church's work. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "I Feel the Winds of God Today" VU #625

*** Commissioning:**

One: What endures is not the structures we build,

All: but the work of God that we accomplish.

One: Let us go forth from here empowered by the Holy Spirit to be God's instruments of justice...

All: rooted in love to move us closer to God's peace.

*** Benediction**

Choral Blessing "Go Now In Peace"

Music as We Depart