

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 25, 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 a people following Jesus' message of hope in our lives.

All: The Light from these candles shine into the darkness giving us hope 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:** *(Moderator Richard Bott)*

One: God's reign is coming!

All: God's reign is here!

One: We live God's reign—

**All: guided by Christ,
who reigns in our hearts,
who reigns in our souls,
who reigns in our lives.**

One: We live God's reign—

**All: filled by the Spirit, serving in love,
celebrating life, worshipping God!**

*** Hymn:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" VU #374

*** Opening Prayer:**

One: God of life, thank you for leading us to your way of justice, peace, love, and truth.

**All: You have given us examples of how we can live.
You have taught us about truth.**

One: You have given us a glimpse of your reign, of your possibilities, and your promise.

All: Help us to follow your example and to follow your way. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "He Came Singing Love" VU #359

Scripture Reading: John 18:33-37

Anthem: "Sole Deo"

Sermon: Choose Hope

*** Hymn:** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" VU #326

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

*** Offertory Prayer:**

God of grace, we offer you these gifts, our time and our talents, for your mission and ministry in the world. May these gifts be used for your glory as we wait for your reign. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "We are Pilgrims" VU #595

* **Commissioning:**

One: Friends, as we go into the world, let us work towards the world God desires for humankind.

All: May we speak God's truth,

One: may we be inspired by Jesus' way,

**All: and may the Spirit grant us courage to lead, to follow,
and to serve.**

* **Benediction**

Choral Blessing "Go Now In Peace"

Music as We Depart