

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 6, 2019, 11:00 am

Epiphany Sunday

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

Epiphany Candle Litany

One: In this season of Christmas, we celebrate.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

One: We give thanks for God's goodness and grace.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

One: We search for the good in all people.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our joy.

One: We strive to love as Jesus loved.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our love.

One: Christ has become the light on our journey.

All: Christ is the Light in our journey of faith.

* Choral Introit: "God is Here" VU #389, 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: Arise, shine, for your light has come.
The glory of Jesus has risen upon you!

All: The glory of God shines in the darkness.

One: Lift up your eyes and look around.
Follow the star, wherever it leads!

All: Take the journey that leads to the child.

One: Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!

All: We worship the Christ child, the hope of the world.

* Hymn: "I Am the Light of the World" VU #87

* Opening Prayer:

One: Lord of all things bright and beautiful,

All: we begin this day in your name.

One: Light of all light, our dawn of hope,

All: may we find warm reflections of you in the face of each brother, sister, stranger and friend.

One: As we work for your world this day,

All: may our hunger be for justice and our thirst for peace.

One: Strengthen our hearts and steady our hands.

All: As children of the light, may we walk in your joy this day. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "The First Nowell" VU #91 vs. 1,2,3,5,6

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:1-13 Matthew 2:1-12

Anthem: "Sing Joy!"

Sermon: By Another Road

* Hymn: "Will You Come and See the Light" VU #96 vs. 1,2,4,5

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** “When We Are Living” VU #581, v2

* **Offertory Prayer:**

**Thank you, God of Love, for the promise of this season.
We are grateful for the generosity awakened in us by
Christ’s coming into the world. May these gifts represent
a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all
your children everywhere. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” VU #291

* **Commissioning:**

One: The darkness is gone.

All: Let’s rejoice in the light!

One: The star shines brightly.

All: We will follow the star!

One: A child is born.

All: And we bring our gifts!

* **Benediction**

Choral Amen

Music as We Depart