

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

Order of Worship

Sunday, April 28, 2019, 9:00 am

2nd Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Welcome & News of the Community

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Gathering Words:

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

All: Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

One: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

All: Praise God with the harp and the cello!

One: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

All: Praise God with flutes and guitars!

One: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

All: Let everything with life and breath praise God!

Music:

“I Danced in the Morning”

VU #352 vs. 1,3,5

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. **R**

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. **R**

Opening Prayer:

One: God of the Resurrection,

All: you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us.

One: In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection,

All: touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others.

One: Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive,

**All: so that all may have new life.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Basket of Blessings

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

Psalm: Psalm 150

Music: "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" VU #245

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Sharing the Story: John 20:19–31

Focus on the Word: Thomas and Friends

Music: “Hey Now, Singing Hallelujah!” MV #121 vs.1,3,5

Refrain:

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

Jesus loved people
and he made them friends:
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He called to the children
and the women and men.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. **R**

Jesus loved people
and they said he was a king.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He turned all the tables
on everything.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. **R**

Jesus loves people
and he lives again!
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Calls us disciples
and he calls us his friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. **R**

Refrain:

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: We know the tomb is empty;

All: Christ is risen!

One: We believe the friends of Jesus when they tell us;

All: Christ is risen!

One: We rejoice in the new faith community;

All: Christ is risen!

One: In hope, we will work for peace and justice;

All: Christ is risen!

One: Jesus the Christ is risen indeed!

Music: "Creator God, You Give Us Life"

MV #27

Creator God you gave us life,
Your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole. **R**

Refrain:

*Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.*

In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,
we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity. **R**

When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God. **R**

Benediction