

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 12, 2019, 11:00 am

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

#### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* Clergy & Choir Enter

\* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: We light this candle acknowledging the presence of the risen Christ among us.

**All: Hallelujah! Amen.**

\* **Introit:** "Jesus, Stand Among Us" VU #396, v1

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

#### Welcome and Announcements

\* **Call to Worship:**

One: Awake! Rise up!

**All: There is much to be done in the Lord's Name today.**

One: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

**All: We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.**

One: Open your hearts to God's will this day.

**All: Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us.  
AMEN.**

\* **Hymn:** "Let Us Build a House" MV #1

\* **Opening Prayer:**

One: Shepherd of Life, we enter this time of worship in need of the green pasture of your grace...

**All: to provides rest and renewal for the work that lies before us.**

One: The still waters of your peace calm our anxious spirits.

**All: The word of your rod and the wisdom of your staff is the strength and comfort we need to journey through the valley.**

One: Even in the face of suffering and injustice, you fill our spirits with the abundance of your love,

**All: and you anoint us in service to bring this hope to the world.**

One: It is here we would dwell our whole life long.

**All: Amen.**

#### Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "Are You a Shepherd?" MV #126

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 23 Litany

One: I don't know ... nice story, to me.

*Two: There was a young girl ... relies on God.*

One: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

*Two: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters.*

One: He restores my soul.

**All: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in God's house forever. AMEN.**

**Scripture Reading:** John 10:22-30

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** "Rock-A My Soul"

**Sermon:** **You're Welcome Here**

**\* Hymn:** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" VU #633

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

**\* Offertory:** "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks" VU #179 Ref

### **\* Offertory Prayer:**

**Good Shepherd, we bring the gifts created by our hands and by our minds. May they be a witness to your love for all creation. May they be used for the greater good personified in you. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:** "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families" VU #556

### **\* Commissioning:**

One: Take up your cross to follow Christ.

**All: We will place our feet in his steps.**

One: Let your face bring his blessing to all you greet...

**All: and may our hands share peace with we meet.**

One: Believe and follow, or follow and believe.

**All: God keeps us in perfect peace.**

One: The Lord sustains us in the midst of trouble.

**All: Our lives overflow with God's love and grace.**

One: Goodness and mercy will surely follows us,

**All: as we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!**

### **\* Benediction**

### **Choral Amen**

### **Music as We Depart**