

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, May 19, 2019, 9:00 am

5th 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: Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

All: Let praise to God fill the earth!

One: Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

All: Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!

One: Open your hearts and spirits today.

All: Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN!

Music: "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

MV #30

It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea. **R**

Refrain:

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

It's a call of life to the Giver,
when waves and waterfalls roar,
it's a call of life to the Giver,
when high tides break on the shore. **R**

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum-a-long.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song. **R**

It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things,
it's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings. **R**

Opening Prayer:

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together today, drawing us from darkness to light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you share with us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

Basket of Blessings

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

Music:

"Teach Me, God, to Wonder"

VU #299

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.

Refrain:

*Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.*

Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. **R**

Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. **R**

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. **R**

Sharing the Story:

John 13:31–35

Focus on the Word: "Love as I have Loved" – Jesus**Music:**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

VU #291

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings. **R**

The purpleheaded mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky; **R**

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.*

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. **R**

The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall; **R**

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Jesus gave a new commandment: to love one another.

All: Because Jesus loves us, we should love one another.

One: Go forth to serve. Go forth to love.

All: We go with God's love and blessing.

Music:

“Go to the World!”

VU #420

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Benediction