

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

**Order of Worship**

Sunday, June 2, 2019, 9:00 am

**7th Sunday in Easter – Ascension**

**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: What a glorious vision!

**All: Jesus gave the glorious promise of an Advocate!**

One: Then he ascended to God!

**All: What joy there must have been in the hearts of the disciples.**

One: May God find such joy in our hearts and spirits!

**All: Prepare us, Jesus, for the great works you place before us. AMEN.**

**Music:**

“Dance with the Spirit”

MV #156

(\*Walk/Move/Sing)

Dance with the Spirit

Early in the mornin’,

*Walk* with the Spirit

Throughout the long day.

Work and hope for  
The new life a-bornin',  
Listen to the Spirit  
To show you the way.

Dance with the Spirit  
Early in the mornin',  
*Move* with the Spirit  
Throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for  
The new life a-bornin',  
Listen to the Spirit  
To show you the way.

Dance with the Spirit  
Early in the mornin',  
*Sing* with the Spirit  
Throughout the long day.  
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The new life a-bornin',  
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### **Opening Prayer:**

One: God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the valleys and the mountains...

**All: the streams, the bays, the forests, and of course the clouds...**

One: remind us that we are standing on holy ground.

**All: Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope.**

One: Draw our attention from the vision of Jesus rising to the heavens to be with you.

**All:** Help us to focus on the works you would have us do...  
**One:** and keep us ready and willing always to serve.  
**All:** AMEN.

## Basket of Blessings

## Children's Time

## Lord's Prayer

**Music:** "Over My Head" MV #88, vs. 1,2,4

**Refrain:**

*Over my head, I hear music in the air.  
Over my head, I hear music in the air.  
Over my head, I hear music in the air.  
There must be a God somewhere.*

When the storms of life are raging  
I hear music in the air.  
When the storms of life are ragin'  
I hear music in the air.  
When the storms of life are ragin;  
I hear music in the air.  
There must be a God somewhere. **R**

When the winds of strife are blowin'  
I hear music in the air.  
When the winds of strife are blowin'  
I hear music in the air.  
When the winds of strife are blowin'  
I hear music in the air.  
There must be a God somewhere. **R**

O Jesus is a-callin'  
I hear music in the air.  
O Jesus is a-callin'  
I hear music in the air.  
O Jesus is a-callin'  
I hear music in the air.  
There must be a God somewhere. **R**

**Refrain:**

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**Sharing the Story:** Luke 24:44–53

**Focus on the Word:** **Passages of Life**

**Music:** “Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives”

MV #6

**Refrain:**

*Holy Spirit, come into our lives.  
Holy Spirit, make us truly wise.*

Give us a spirit of wisdom,  
an understanding heart.  
Give us a spirit of knowledge,  
and lead us to the truth. **R**

Give us a spirit of courage,  
and judgment that is wise.  
Give us a spirit of rev'ence,  
of wonder and of awe. **R**

Spirit of love and compassion,  
give hope to all the poor.  
Spirit of justice and mercy,  
come open ev'ry door. **R**

**Refrain:**

*Holy Spirit, come into our lives.  
Holy Spirit, make us truly wise.*

Spirit of all consolation,  
O lift our hearts this day.  
Spirit of all understanding,  
O help us know your way. **R**

Spirit of light and of wisdom,  
O lift us from our sorrow.  
Spirit of peace and forgiveness,  
O help us face tomorrow. **R**

Spirit of strength and of healing,  
bend stubborn hearts and will.  
Spirit of trust and of caring,  
O melt us, warm our chill. **R**

**Prayer in Action**

**Affirmation:**

One: Go forth with the spirit of wisdom and hope,

**All: with eyes enlightened and minds awoken by the life of Christ.**

One: Be on the ready to greet and welcome all you meet,

**All: and be strengthened when goodbyes are necessary.**

One: Be assured that wherever you go, Christ is with you.

All: **Be kind to all who are sent our way.**

**Music:** "Oh a Song Must Rise"

MV #142

**Refrain:**

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend*

*Oh a song must rise once again (again)*

*Singing out God's praises and glory,*

*the faithful voices blend,*

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend (descend).*

From the mountains to the valleys,

from the desert to the sea,

a song must rise once again.

From the voices of our leaders,

the voice of you and me,

a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

From poverty and riches,

from the voice of young and old,

a song must rise once again. (again)

From the free and the imprisoned,

the timid and the bold,

a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

From ev'ry house of worship,

in ev'ry faith and tongue,

a song must rise once again.

From the villages and cities

a new song must be sung,

a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

**Benediction**