

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 17, 2019, 11:00 am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

* Lighting of the Outreach and Christ Candles:

One: God calls us to be Jesus' hands and feet:

All: let this Outreach Candle's light guide our works.

One: God knows us, through and through:

All: this Christ Candle acknowledges God's presence with us now, as always.

* **Introit:** "Holy God, VU #894, v1
We Praise Your Name"

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: Have you heard?

**All: Something new is coming,
a different world than the one we know.**

One: And we're the ones to help make it happen!

**All: Let us gather together,
to support and encourage one another,**

One: and to praise God—

**All: for new visions, for hope,
for new beginnings, and for new possibilities.**

* **Hymn:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" VU #356

* **Opening Prayer:**

One: In the midst of continual change, God's love for us remains steadfast.

All: God is creating something new, a new heaven and a new earth.

One: Each day offers newness of hope and faith.

All: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's creative word for us that we may learn, grow, and serve as effective witnesses to God's love and power. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "You are Holy" MV #45

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25
Luke 21:5-19

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Order My Steps"

Sermon: People Watching

* **Hymn:** "I See a New Heaven" VU #713

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** Praise God, From Whom VU #541
All Blessings Flow”

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Giving God, help us continue to be a giving people. Take these gifts we give, in this and other ways; and help us to be good stewards of all we keep, that they may be used in the service to all of creation in your world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** “Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New” MV #115
(x2)

* **Commissioning:**

One: May the God who sees us and loves us...

All: create with us, new ways of seeing the world;

One: and new ways of seeing all we meet;

All: with open hearts ready to be transformed with love and compassion.

* **Benediction**

Blessing: “Go Now in Peace”

Music as We Depart