

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

**Order of Worship**

Sunday, November 17, 2019, 9:00 am

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**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: 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.**

**Music:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

VU #356

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.

### **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.**

### **Basket of Blessings:**

**All: 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.**

### **Children's Time**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Music:**

“You are Holy”

MV #45

You are holy, you show us the way,  
You are holy, you show us the way.  
You show us, you show us, you show us the way,  
You show us, you show us, you show us the way.

You are freedom, you show us the way,  
You are freedom, you show us the way.  
You show us, you show us, you show us the way,  
You show us, you show us, you show us the way.

You are justice, you show us the way,  
You are justice, you show us the way.  
You show us, you show us, you show us the way,  
You show us, you show us, you show us the way.

**Sharing the Story:**

Isaiah 65:17–25

Luke 21:5–19

**Meditation:**

**Search for Peace**

**Music:**

“I See a New Heaven”

VU #713

**Refrain:**

*I see a new heaven.  
I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
where the fountain of life flows  
and without price goes  
to all people who abide in the land.*

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,  
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,  
the Tree of Life will be. **R**

**Refrain:**

*I see a new heaven.  
I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
where the fountain of life flows  
and without price goes  
to all people who abide in the land.*

There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,  
body and soul, struggling but whole  
like flowers after the rain. **R**

There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.  
There where the night, bearing new light,  
reveals the promise of love. **R**

There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.  
Labour we must, true to our trust  
to build a promised new land. **R**

**Prayer in Action**

**Affirmation:**

One: As we leave here today, let's remember to hang in there,  
knock persistently at the door...

**All: refusing to give up on God or life,**

One: demanding better for ourselves...

**All: and the people around us! In our faith, we will persist!**

**Music:**

“Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New”

MV #115  
x2

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)  
I make all things new  
Beginning with you  
And starting from today.  
Behold (behold,) behold, (behold,)  
I make all things new,  
My promise is true,  
For I am Christ the way.

**Benediction**