

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, November 24, 2019, 9:00 am

Reign of Christ Sunday

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: Good morning! May God's blessings be with you this day!

All: Thank you, and may God's blessings be with you also!

One: May the light of Christ's love shine on you today.

All: May the peace of Christ be in your heart.

One: Open your hearts to celebrate the reign of Jesus Christ.

**All: With joy we open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.
Amen.**

Music: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

VU #375

Refrain:

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings. **R**

Refrain:

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You swept thro' the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets
to open their eyes. **R**

You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. **R**

You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions
your people arise. **R**

Refrain:

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blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

Opening Prayer:

One: Lord of light and life, we come to you this day in celebration
of the witness of your Son Jesus Christ.

**All: Open our hearts, our spirits, and our lives to listen to his
words for us.**

One: Help us to be faithful disciples for you.

All: We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Basket of Blessings:

**May these gifts bring light to all who walk in darkness, hope to
all who live in despair, and justice to all who are oppressed.
Grant to each of us a sense of participation in this wonderful
opportunity to share your love with the world. To this end we
dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.**

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

Music:

“Are You a Shepherd?”

MV #126

Are you a shepherd,
good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger,
while calming our fears?
Are you a father
who shelters and feeds us,
shares in our laughter
and wipes away tears?

Refrain:

*Yes, you are shepherd,
parent and teacher,
but you are greater
than all that we know.
Holy and living,
loving and giving,
God, you are with us
wherever we go.*

Are you a mother,
good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us
and helps us to rest?
Are you a teacher
who daily prepares us,
challenging students
to offer their best? **R**

Great, gentle shepherd,
forever beside us,
lead all your children
in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent,
wise teacher, you guide us.
We want to love you
and bring you delight. **R**

Refrain:

*Yes, you are shepherd,
parent and teacher,
but you are greater
than all that we know.
Holy and living,
loving and giving,
God, you are with us
wherever we go.*

Sharing the Story: Jeremiah 23:1–6
 Luke 23:33–34

Meditation: **Win Friends and Influence Others**

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.

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**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

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

All: create with us, new ways of seeing the world and one another.

One: May our Spirit-fueled and God-filled ways...

All: open hearts and fill minds with the transforming love of God made known through Jesus.

Music:

“Go, Make a Difference”

MV #209

Refrain:

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

(2 more times)

We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

Benediction