



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 29, 2019, 11:00 am

1st Sunday After Christmas Day

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy Enters

* Introit: "Joy to the World" VU #59, v1

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Welcome

* Call to Worship:

One: How magnificent is all creation!

All: **God's love is poured throughout all God has created.**

One: God's love is poured out upon us each day.

All: **We give our praise to this holy space.**

One: Let your souls and spirits rejoice at the goodness of God.

All: **Let all the people give thanks and praise! AMEN.**

* Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" VU #35

* Opening Prayer:

One: Praise the Living God! Praise God from the heavens:

All: **sun and moon and shining stars, praise the Living God!**

One: Praise God's Holy Name,

**All: whose word speaks all things into being,
who is present in the expanse of the universe,
and in the voices of children.**

One: Praise the Living God, our rescuer and deliverer,

**All: whose wonder is found in the heavens and in all
creation, who comes in innocence, and with mercy.**

One: O God, our light, our beauty, our rest:
with the appearance of your Son you have brought us
into your new creation.

**All: Form us into your people, and root our lives in you,
through Christ, the Living Light.**

Listening

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* Carol "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" VU #43

Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

* Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" VU #64

Lesson: Luke 1:30-37

* Carol: "What Child is This?" VU #74

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

* Carol: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" VU #44

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* Offertory: "In the Bleak Midwinter" VU #55 (vs. 4)

* Offertory Prayer:

**Receive these gifts, God of All, for the work of your
kingdom. May our words become witness, and our
witness become work, for your people, in your world.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9

Carol: "Silent Night, Holy Night" VU #67

* Commissioning:

One: We've heard the voice of Isaiah speaking to us today.

**All: We will seek ways to open the world to the vision of
a Peaceable Kingdom.**

One: Where there are broken places,

**All: we will seek to be the seeds of new growth in our
world.**

* Benediction

One: From this house to yours,
may you share in the gifts of this season.
May love, the promise of generations, attend you.
Joy, the gift of life together, fill you.
Peace, the desire of neighbour and nations, find you.
Hope, the horizon of faith, sustain you.
And may a very Merry Christmas be yours. Amen.

Music as We Depart