

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 10, 2020

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

#### Lighting of the Outreach and Christ Candles:

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled – believe...."  
The Outreach Candle guides our path of lifting up all people and serving others. The light of the Christ Candle guides the way to where Jesus is going, preparing a place for each of us as we come to a life grounded in our faith. Thanks be to God.

#### Isolation Candles:

Staying at home and limiting our desire for community makes finding joy a challenge. We continue to light these candles of light and colour, keeping the vibrancy of our hope alive in each of us, and in this place, until we are together here again. This is my prayer.

#### Welcome

One: Welcome in Christ's name, and may the peace that Christ gives be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

#### Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

#### Call to Worship:

One: Are you feeling lost? Alienated? Alone?

All: **There was a time we felt we didn't belong anywhere. But we knew we wanted, no needed, somewhere to be.**

One: Jesus, the cornerstone of our house and our faith, welcomes you.

All: **There was a time we were not a part of anyone. But no, we're God's people. We went from having no place to call home, and now we live and abide in God's love.**

One: In God's gracious love and hospitality, we gather here, building our home in God.

All: **In worship, in the place we find ourselves, let us begin to build our house.**

Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" VU #291  
vs 1,2,4,5

#### Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, on this day where we hold up our mothers, may it also be a day where we take the responsibility of caring for each other, the way the eternal love of Jesus cares for us. We are to build up, and not tear down; support rather than abandon; to reach out when others have turned away. Give us hearts of love that, in all places and times, we may be a witness to the hope that is found in Jesus, the one we call Christ. Amen.

#### Listening

#### Children's Focus

Hymn: "Like a Rock" MV #92 x3

Scriptures: Acts 7:55-60  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** "Let It Be"

*Offered by Dave Murphy*

**Sermon:** **Stones**

**Poem:** "Making the House Ready for the Lord"

*By Mary Oliver*

## **Celebrating**

**Offering of Our Gifts**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** "Let Us Build a House"

MV #1  
vs 1,3,5

**Commissioning**

**Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,  
the grace of Christ keep you,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.  
Let us go in peace, to love and to serve.  
Thanks be to God!

**Music as We Depart**