

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 24, 2020

### Ascension and 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

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

The Outreach Candle guides our thoughts and actions in lifting up all people and serving others, casting ahead the glow of life.

Let the light of this Christ Candle open our minds as Jesus opened the disciples, and let it be a witness to our life in Christ.

#### Hope 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: This is a new day!

**All: We don't stop giving thanks.**

One: We begin this day anew.

**All: Let our minds be opened to all the possibilities.**

One: God sends upon us all we need.

**All: The opportunity to do a new thing.**

One: Jesus is lifted up to us and the world this day.

**All: And we will worship Jesus.**

One: Come, let us worship the one who invites us again into new life, the way of hope and faith.

**All: Let us worship!**

Hymn: "There's a Spirit in the Air" VU #582  
vs. 1,3,4,7

#### Opening Prayer:

Uplifting God, through Jesus our Christ, you revealed to us a joy and hope without that has no equal. May the eyes of our heart be enlightened to all that Jesus has done in our lives. Pour out your Spirit upon us and alight your wisdom within us, as we proclaim your glory and your grace. Amen.

#### Listening

#### Children's Focus

#### Minute for Mission

Hymn: "To Show by Touch and Word" VU #427

Scriptures: Acts 1:1-11  
Luke 24:44-53

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:**

“Love”

*Offered by Thea Burton  
Accompaniment by Ken Hassell*

**Sermon:**

**Look Out!**

## **Celebrating**

**Offering of Our Gifts**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn:** “You Shall Go Out With Joy” VU #884 x3

**Commissioning:**

As you make your way into the world  
May your words and your living  
bear witness to Christ who has ascended,  
and so be present in every place.

**Benediction**

**Music as We Depart**