

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

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, April 4, 2021, 10:00 am & 1:00 pm

### **Easter Sunday**

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

#### **Music as We Gather**

### **Gathering**

#### **\* Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles:**

In Mark's Gospel, they come to serve Jesus on Easter morning. We too are called to serve, as witnessed in our Outreach Candle.

At the first light of dawn, the women came to where Jesus had been laid and found the tomb empty. We light this Unity candle to represent Jesus going out to bring all people to himself, uniting the whole human family.

As the women searched the empty tomb, with the grave-clothes lying on the ground, they asked, "Where is Jesus?!"

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**\* Hymn:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

VU #157

Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah!  
all creation join to say; Hallelujah!  
raise your joys and triumphs high; Hallelujah!  
sing, O heavens, and earth reply: Hallelujah!

Love's redeeming work is done, Hallelujah!  
fought the fight, the battle won. Hallelujah!  
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er! Hallelujah!  
Lo, he dwells in death no more! Hallelujah!

Lives again our glorious King: Hallelujah!  
where, O death, is now your sting? Hallelujah!  
Once he died, our souls to save: Hallelujah!  
where your victory, O grave? Hallelujah!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Hallelujah!  
praise to you by both be given! Hallelujah!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Hallelujah!  
risen Christ, triumphant now. Hallelujah!

## **Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

May the peace that Christ gives be with you.

**And also with you!**

### **\* Call to Worship:**

Christ is risen...

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

God is alive...

**New birth is given.**

Hope is alive...

**A new age is dawning.**  
Joy is alive...  
**Redemption is here.**  
Love is alive  
**Death cannot harm us.**  
We are alive...  
**New life is within us.**  
The church is alive...  
**God's spirit is within us.**  
**God of life, we worship you.**  
**God of creation, we praise you.**  
**God of revelation, we learn from you.**  
**God of joy, we come to celebrate you.**

\* **Hymn:** "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

VU #166

**Refrain:**

*Joy comes with the dawn;  
joy comes with the morning sun;  
joy springs from the tomb  
and scatters the night with her song,  
joy comes with the dawn.*

Weeping may come;  
weeping may come in the night,  
when dark shadows cloud our sight. **R**

Sorrow will turn,  
sorrow will turn into song,  
and God's laughter make us strong. **R**

We will rejoice,  
we will rejoice, and give praise,  
to the One who brings us grace. **R**

**\* Opening Prayer**

**Listening**

**Children's Time / Time for all Ages**

**Scriptures:** 1 Corinthians 15:1–11  
John 20:1–18

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** “Day of Resurrection”

*Offered by Roger Bolt, Cynthia Bruce, Cupido Daniels,  
Nancy Handrigan, Angela Whiteway, Marilyn Whiteway*

**Sermon:** **Just Standing**

**\* Hymn:** “Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks” VU #179

**Refrain:**

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

*Give thanks to the risen Christ;*

*hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*Give praise to God's name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
firstborn of all creation. **R**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and is risen. **R**

We have been crucified with Christ,  
now we shall live for ever. **R**

Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour. **R**

# Celebrating

## Prayers of the People

## The Lord's Prayer

## Invitation to Holy Communion

\* **Hymn:** "This is the Day That God Has Made" VU #175

### **Refrain:**

*This is the day that God has made!  
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!  
This is the day that God has made!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!*

Christ has conquered death at last,  
left the tomb that held him fast!  
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,  
dawns the morning clear and bright! **R**

Jesus lives who once was dead,  
lives forever, as he said!  
Risen now our Saviour, King;  
songs of gladness let us sing! **R**

### **Commissioning:**

Go, with the Easter joy deep within your hearts.

**Thanks be to God!**

Go, with Easter songs singing on your lips.

**Thanks be to God!**

Go, with the hopeful message of Easter clear in your minds.

**Thanks be to God!**

Go, certain that in time and beyond time,

God's love is with you and will never leave you.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\* Benediction:**

May God's abiding love and hope give us new life.

May God's unmerited grace and mercy keep us hope-filled.

And may God's restorative justice bring to us all, perfect peace.

For Christ is risen! Praise God!

And the People said:

**"Hallelujah"**

**Music as We Depart**