

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 11, 2021, 10:00 am

2nd Sunday of Easter

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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

*** Hymn:** "Give To Us Laughter" VU #624, vs.1

Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife.
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

*** Call to Worship:**

What great joy!

Jesus has risen. Hallelujah!

We have been freed!

We have not touched his wounds, yet we believe.

Let us rejoice!

Let us sing of our joy!

Let us dance and laugh!

And let us worship.

* **Hymn:** "Jesus Laughed Out Loud"

MV #133

Jesus laughed out loud
To see the children play;
His joyful presence drew a crowd
We could not send away.

Jesus healed a child
By asking her to rise,
And doubtful people wept and smiled
To see her opened eyes.

Jesus felt the need;
We made the crowd sit down.
A boy had faith and all were fed,
Though we were far from town.

Jesus climbed a hill
To pray and rest alone;
We wondered why we felt the chill
Of wind and wood and stone.

Jesus called my name
When he was passing by;
My life will never be the same;
This love will never die.

*** Opening Prayer**

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: 1 John 1:1–4
John 20:19–31

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Offered by Orchard Valley Chimes

Sermon: **Freeing Ourselves**

*** Hymn:** “River Running in You and Me” MV #163

River running in you and me,
Spirit of life, deep mystery,
Dancing down to the holy sea,
River run deep, River run free.

River laughed on my birthing day,
Wind and water joined in play
Soaked my soul in a shining spray,
River run deep, River run free.

I stand on the edge, lookin' down,
Too scared to swim, afraid I'll drown –
Give me the courage to journey on
River run deep, river run free.

Journey on far from my home,
River – break this heart of stone;
Teach me to love, make me your own,
River run deep, River run free.

River singin' in you and me,
Spirit of life – deep mystery
Catch us up in your melody
River run deep, River run free.

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "Sing a Happy Hallelujah"

VU #224

Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.

Refrain:

*Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!*

We're the proof of God's good humour,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly. **R**

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,
so is life for us enhanced. **R**

Refrain:

*Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!*

Every day sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word! **R**

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ...

AMEN!

Music as We Depart