

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 25, 2021, 10:00 am

4th Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

* Hymn: "And on This Path" MV #8, v1

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:

In the bleakest valley,

at the banquet table;

in the hard work of life,

at the moments of ease;

in our day-to-day reality,

at times set aside–

like this time, now–

for worship, for listening, for praying;

with every step we take:

goodness and mercy follow us;

our cups overflow with the blessing of the Shepherd.

* Hymn: "Are You a Shepherd?" MV #126

* Opening Prayer

Prayer Shawl Blessing:

God of Love...Let this shawl be...

a warm hug on a cool day! HALLELUJAH!

Let this shawl be...

softer than a kitten's fur! HALLELUJAH!

Let this shawl be...

as light as a feather, blowing in the wind.

HALLELUJAH!

Let this shawl be...

a sign of your love, HALLELUJAH!

a sign of our love,

a sign of Jesus' love, HALLELUJAH!

to wrap around shoulders,

to lay upon laps and to fill many hearts. HALLELUJAH!

Alleluia.

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Alleluia!

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures:

Psalm 23

John 10:11–18

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

*Offered by Roger Bolt, Thea Burton, Cupido Daniels,
Chris Seymour, Angela Whiteway, Marilyn Whiteway*

Sermon:

You Can't Herd Sheep

Hymn:

"And on This Path"

MV #8, v2

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" VU #626

*** Commissioning:**

Listen to the voice of Jesus.

The shepherd is calling us by name,
calling us to give thanks,
convincing us to listen carefully,
inspiring us to live justly,
promising us peace in the challenge,
assuring us life,
life in all its fullness.

*** 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