

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

* Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People:

Welcome in Christ's name. We gather today by acknowledging we are in Mi'kma'ki (MEEG-MA-GEE), the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq (MEEG-MA) People, recognizing that the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet people signed with the British Crown, recognized their title to the land and established what was supposed to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

May we live with respect on this land and in peace and friendship with its people.

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

* Call to Worship:

Let us gather together all who would hear the word of the lord.

Let us carry out the love and mercy of God to every heart.

Let our lives bear witness that God's mercy and grace are real

For when we were each yet lost god sent the Christ to bring us home.

Let us raise our voices in song and praise for God's healing love!

Blessed be the name of the lord!

* Hymn: "Deep in Our Hearts" MV #154

* Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: John 15:9-17

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Sermon: **The Risk to Love Each Other**

Hymn: "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" MV #138

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "Go Make a Difference" MV #209

* Commissioning

* Benediction:

Lord, you chose us, that we might go where you would have us go and do what you would have us do. Send us with humility and courage and most of all love this world has much to learn about the miracles right by humility in the wonders worked by courage but it has most to learn about the mysteries revealed by the gentle touch of love.

And the people of God said...**AMEN!**

Music as we Depart