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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

* **Hymn:** "Dance With the Spirit" MV #156

vs. Walk, Move, Sing

Dance with the Spirit Early in the mornin', Walk with the Spirit

Throughout the long day.

Work and hope for

The new life a-bornin'.

Listen to the Spirit

To show you the way.

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:

Welcome to worship in this unusual time.

We're all here, even if we cannot see everyone.

Can we still worship?

Yes! Our community is not defined by walls.

Can we still sing?

Yes! From our own home, we can sing even louder!

Can we still pray?

Yes! Even in Jesus' last moments with his disciples, Jesus prayed.

Then let us sing, let us pray, and let us worship now.

* **Hymn:** "For the Fruit of All Creation" VU #227

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

* Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scripture Reading: John 17:6–19

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A Rambling Prayer

* **Hymn:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV #161

I have called you by your name, you are mine; I have gifted you and ask you now to shine. I will not abandon you; all my promises are true. You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go; read it written in my people, help them grow. Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go; feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my Spirit as a sign. With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" MV #212

Sent out in Jesus' name, Our hands are ready now To make the world the place

In which the kingdom comes. (X2)

The angels cannot change A world of hurt and pain Into a world of love, Of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do, To set it really free. O help us to obey,

And carry out your will.

* 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