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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Hymn: "Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope" MV #33 vs. *Hope, Peace, Joy, Love*

Jesus came bringing us hope Jesus came bringing us hope, Jesus came bringing us hope, hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us peace Jesus came bringing us peace, Jesus came bringing us peace, hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us joy Jesus came bringing us joy, Jesus came bringing us joy, hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us love, Jesus came bringing us love,

Jesus came bringing us love, hallelujah forever more!

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:

We gather today in the name of God the Father whose arms are open wide;
loved in the name of God the Mother,
whose arms hold us close;
welcomed in the name of God the Son,
who teaches us what it means to love;
and in the name of God the Holy Spirit,
who walks with us all of our days;
whose wings will carry us to places...
on a passage full of laughter, full of light,
and fully embraced by God. Let us worship.

Hymn: "She Comes Sailing on the Wind" VU #380

Refrain:

She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun; on a journey just begun, she flies on. And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night, full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth, like an empty cradle waiting to be filled. And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth, like a mother breathing life into her child. (to Verse 2)

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form. Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight, and then down the ages still she flew on. **R**

Refrain:

She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun; on a journey just begun, she flies on. And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night, full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came, a whisper softly calling in the dark, the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,

Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart. (to Verse 4)

Flying to the river, she waited circling high above the child now grown so full of grace. As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky, and she carried him away in her embrace. **R**

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world, after dawn returned in flame of rising sun, the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled, bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Romans 8:12–17

John 3:1-17

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "The Spirit's Song"

Offered by Nancy Handrigan

Sermon: Trinity Voices

Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" VU #315

Holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" MV #30

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree. It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea.

Refrain:

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a call of life to the Giver, when waves and waterfalls roar, it's a call of life to the Giver, when high tides break on the shore. **R**

It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum-a-long. It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the summer breeze joins the song. **R**

Refrain:

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things, it's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings. **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!**