

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 30, 2022, 10:00 am

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Introit: “Spirit of the Living God” VU #376

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Call to Worship:

As God’s Spirit of love engulfs us, do we also love?
We proclaim our faith in God!

And do you have love?

We search for God's truths and hold onto the hope of God's promise.

And do you have love?

We give all that we are able to serve in humility.

And do you have love?

Yes! We have faith, hope, and we have love. And the greatest is love.

Let God's loving embrace uplift us in worship today.

Hymn: "God, We Praise You for the Morning" VU #415

God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,

joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.

Waking souls find joy and healing

in your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!

Opening Prayer

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's 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.

Scriptures: Jeremiah 1:4-8
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: You Raise Me Up

Offered by Fred Lipskey

Sermon: φιλονικία (aka Smackdown)

Hymn: "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire" VU #372

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

Celebrating

Prayers of the People:

Hymn: “May God’s Sheltering Wings” MV #214

May God’s sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God’s nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in **her** love,
and hold you in **her** love.

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!**