

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

January 8, 2017, 9:00 am

Epiphany 1

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "Will You Come and See the Light" VU #96, vs 1,3,5

Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised,
and the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about
is too dim to put it out:
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: A new star has risen in the heavens, and it points us to a new kind of leader.

Left: We have observed your star, and have come to pay
homage to you, Jesus.

Right: *We lay before you our treasure and we open to you our
lives.*

Music: "Jesus Saw Them Fishing" MV #113, v1

Jesus saw them fishing by the shore of Galilee,
Casting out their nets into the sea.
Simon Peter, Andrew and the sons of Zebedee,
Waiting in their boats so patiently.
*And Jesus said, "Oh, come and follow me.
Oh, leave behind your nets. I call you.
Oh, come and fish with me,
And your life will never be the same again.*

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Matthew 12:1-12

Focus on the Word

*** Music:** "Jesus Bids Us Shine" VU #585

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Let us go from this service, knowing that we are blessed.

Women: *Blessed with a love that knows no bounds.*

Men: *Blessed with a community that welcomes all.*

Women: *Blessed with hopefulness.*

**Men: *Blessed with a quest and a passion for justice for all
God's creation.***

One: Bursting with blessing, we go now, into God's world.
Amen.

All: *Amen.*

Music: "I Am the Light of the World"

VU #87

Refrain:

'I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!'

*If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: (Refrain)

To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above! (Refrain)

To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see God's children everywhere! (Refrain)

To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth! (Refrain)