

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

January 22, 2017, 9:00 am

Epiphany 3
The Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "Gather Us In" **MV #7 (X2)**

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: Friends, let us love one another.

All: **Because love is from God.**

One: God's love was revealed among us in this way.

All: **Jesus Christ came into the world.**

One: Since God loves us so much

All: **We are called to love one another. Come, let us worship.**

Preparation of the Space:

Candles: **Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."**

(The candles are lighted)

Bible: **Jesus said, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples. You will know the truth and the truth will set you free."**

(The Bible is placed on the table)

Bread and Wine: Jesus said, "This is my body, which is given for you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood."
(The bread and wine are brought forward and placed on the table)

Water: John declared, "I baptise you with water... but Jesus will baptise you with the Holy Spirit..."
(A pitcher of water is brought forward)

Music: "God, We Pray at This Beginning" VU #443

God, we pray at this beginning
of an infant's lifelong search:
bless the children of our families,
members of your changing church.
Make our sons as wise as Deborah,
give our daughters Daniel's grace,
for new challenges are coming
which will take new strengths to face.

Help our daughters face all dangers
with the courage shown by Paul.
Help our sons, like mother Mary,
love although disaster fall.
Help us too, with older vision,
as your changing children grow:
help us see that changing people
your unchanging blessing show.

Sharing the Story: Mark 10:13-16

The Sacrament of Baptism

Focus on the Word

Prayer in Action

Music: "As We Gather at Your Table" VU #457

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,

help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: ... and joining your unending hymn:

***Sanctus:* (All)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Consecration

Invitation

Fraction and Distribution

Prayer after Communion:

One: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

All: Now we give ourselves for others.

One: Your love has made us a new people.

All: As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

One: Your glory has filled our hearts.

All: Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

Music:

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

VU #481

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.