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

February 26, 2017, 9:00 am

Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "We Have Come" VU #104

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word; Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet: Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,

that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words

Music: "Over My Head" MV #88

Refrain:

Over my head, I hear music in the air. Over my head, I hear music in the air. Over my head, I hear music in the air. There must be a God somewhere.

When the storms of life are raging I hear music in the air.
When the storms of life are ragin' I hear music in the air.
When the storms of life are ragin; I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere. R

Additional Verses:

- 2. When the winds of strife are blowing....
- 3. When the tide of hate is risin'...
- 4. O Jesus is a-callin'...

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Matthew 17:1-9

Focus on the Word

Music: "Behold, Behold, MV #115 (x3)

I Make All Things New"

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)
I make all things new

Beginning with you
And starting from today.
Behold (behold,) behold, (behold,)
I make all things new,
My promise is true,
For I am Christ the way.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Listen! You are God's children, the beloved of God's heart. God speaks words of healing and hope to you in these

moments. Listen!

All: When we leave this place, the presence of God will go with us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Music: "May the God of Hope Go with Us" VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

May the God of healing free the earth from fear, freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued. May the God of love keep our commitment clear to a world restored, to human life renewed. R