

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

Sunday, March 12, 2017, 9:00 am

Lent 2

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" VU #357

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;
and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: We celebrate women's voices, proclaiming wisdom.

All: **We honour women's lives, forging new paths. We remember women's faith, strong amid challenge.**

One: We anticipate women's vision, calling us into the future.

All: **Past, present, and future, our lives join with women everywhere.**

Music:

“Jesus Laughed Out Loud”

MV #133

Jesus laughed out loud
To see the children play;
His joyful presence drew a crowd
We could not send away.

Jesus healed a child
By asking her to rise,
And doubtful people wept and smiled
To see her opened eyes.

Jesus called my name
When he was passing by;
My life will never be the same;
This love will never die.

Children’s Time

Sharing the Story

Focus on the Word

Music:

“We Are Pilgrims”

VU #595

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: There are women yearning for good news.

All: We will speak out.

One: There are women whose hearts are broken.

All: We will reach out.

One: There are women who have lost their freedom.

All: We will seek justice.

One: There are women who mourn.

All: We will stand with them.

One: They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of
God.

**All: They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of
God.**

Music:

“Deep in Our Hearts”

MV # 154

Deep in our hearts
there is a common vision;

deep in our hearts
there is a common song;
deep in our hearts
there is a common story,
telling Creation
that we are one.

Deep in our hearts
there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts
there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts
there is a sacred message,
justice and peace
in harmony.

Deep in our hearts
there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts
there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts
there is a common current,
flowing to freedom
like a stream.

Deep in our hearts
there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts
there is a common song;
deep in our hearts
there is a common story,
telling Creation
that we are one.