

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

**Sunday, March 19, 2017, 9:00 am**

**Lent 3**

**Welcome & News of the Community**

**Music: "Come In and Sit Down" VU #395 (vs. 1,2,4)**

**Refrain:**

*Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.*

You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family. R

God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
for we are a part of the family. R

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we are a part of the family. R

**Basket of Blessings**

## Gathering Words:

One: Our Lenten journey calls us to venture along the rocky road of challenge and blessing.

**All: We are guided by ancestors who led with compassion and faithfulness.**

One: We follow Jesus Christ who is our teacher and companion.

**All: Christ is our example and friend. Thanks be!**

**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: Matthew 19:16-30**

## Focus on the Word

**Music: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" VU #120 (vs 1,2,4)**

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain for ever near me,  
my Saviour and my friend:  
I shall not fear the journey

if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer  
and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you,  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Saviour and my friend.

## **Prayer in Action**

**Music:**

**“Jesus Calls Us”**

**VU #562 (vs 1,3,5)**

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

Jesus calls us: by your mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

**Affirmation:**

One: Jesus calls us, saying, "Christian, follow me."

**All: Jesus, we are willing to leave everything behind to follow you.**

One: Jesus tells us, "Truly, there is no one who has given up much for my sake, who will not receive a hundred fold in this age, and in the age to come, eternal life.

**All: We give our hearts to your obedience, Jesus. We will serve and love you best of all.**

One: May your treasure always be found in God.