

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

Sunday, March 26, 2017, 9:00 am

Lent 4

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "Let All Things Now Living" VU #242

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: Woman at the well, pulling up your water, searching to
quench your thirst.

All: **I am that person.**

One: Woman at the well, surprised by the voice of the One, the stranger who knows you well.

All: I am that person.

One: Woman at the well, drink deep of the Living Water, share it with your world.

All: I am that person. Open to the possibility, the hope, that my meeting God would change the world.

One: Diving deep into the Spirit, speaking frankly with the Christ, offered new life by our Creator...

All: We Worship God.

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: John 4:5-42

Focus on the Word

Music: "Behold, I Make All Things New" MV #115

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:

When we quarrel, hear us, O God. When our faith in you is thin, and we turn on each other, we thirst for unity. Forgive our words that hurt, and may we drink again from the water of life. (*water is poured*)

In our prejudice, hear us, O God. When our insecurities bring on a fear of others, we thirst for trust. Forgive our narrowness of grace, and may we drink again from the water of life. (*water is poured*)

In our hurt of others, hear us, O God. When we sum people up on gossip rather than meet them in their living, we thirst for honesty. Forgive the gossip we believe, and may we drink from the water of life. (*water is poured*)

One: Hear these words from our Creator God: I am the water of life, come to me all who are thirsty and you will drink of the living waters and never be thirsty again.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Music: **“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”**

VU #626

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live.'

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.