

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

**Sunday, April 2, 2017, 9:00 am**

**Lent 5**

**Welcome & News of the Community**

**Music: "I Danced in the Morning" VU #352**

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Refrain:**

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came with me and the dance went on. R

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die. R

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. R

They cut me down and I leap up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. R

**Refrain:**

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

**Basket of Blessings**

**Gathering Words:**

One: Wait and watch for God!

**All: Even when we feel in the depths of despair?**

One: Wait and watch for God!

**All: Even when life seems like a night that never ends?**

One: Wait and watch for God! In God there is constant love and kindness.

**All: We will wait and watch with hope.**

**Music:**

**"Walk With Me"**

**VU # 649**

**Refrain:**

*Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.*

When Moses heard the call of God  
he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'  
But God told Moses, 'You're the one  
to set my people free.' R

Now Peter was a most unlikely  
man to lead the flock;

but Jesus knew his holiness  
and he became the Rock. R

**Refrain:**

*Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.*

Young Mary Magdalene was sure  
her life could be much more,  
and by her faith she dared to let  
God's love unlock the door. R

And when you share your faith with me  
and work for life made new,  
the witness of your faithfulness  
calls me to walk with you. R

**Children's Time**

**Sharing the Story:            Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**Focus on the Word**

**Music:                            "In The Bulb"                            VU #703**

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

## **Prayer in Action**

### **Affirmation:**

**God of Love, you have brought new life to us and to this community of your people. We listen for your voice and want to be filled with your Spirit. Come from the Four Winds, O Breath, and give us life, so that we can rise up and praise you.**

### **Music:**

### **"We Shall Go Out"**

**VU #586**

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;

we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
including all in circles of our love.