

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

**Sunday, April 23, 2017, 9:00 am**

**Easter 2 – Camping Sunday**

**Welcome & News of the Community**

**Music:** “Halle, Halle, Halle” **VU #958 (x2)**

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!  
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Halle, halle, halle-lujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Basket of Blessings**

**Gathering Words:**

One: When doors were shut and the world was kept out,

**All: resurrection found the disciples.**

One: When the church gathers and the world waits outside,

**All: resurrection finds us.**

One: When fear grew and new questions were found,

**All: resurrection found the disciples.**

One: When faith leads us into new questions about life,

**All: resurrection finds us.**

One: When suffering remained and the city was hostile,

**All: resurrection found the disciples.**

One: When Christ gathers with his followers in living worship,

**All: Resurrection finds us.**

One: Come, let us worship God!

**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

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:**

**John 20:19-31**

**Focus on the Word**

**Music:**

**“Jesus, Stand Among Us”**

**VU #396**

Jesus, stand among us  
in your risen power;

let this time of worship  
be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit  
into every heart;  
bid the fears and sorrows  
from each soul depart.

Lead our hearts to wisdom  
till our doubting cease,  
and to all assembled  
speak your word of peace.

## **Prayer in Action**

### **Affirmation:**

**That we have gathered this morning is a testament that we have come out of hiding. We are here, ready to go and proclaim your message of love, forgiveness and hope to all the world. Use us, with all our doubts and questions, to proclaim this simple truth to the world. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.**

### **Music:**

### **“It Only Takes a Spark”**

**VU #289**

It only takes a spark  
to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around  
can warm up in its glowing:  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone,  
you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring  
when all the trees are budding,  
the birds begin to sing,  
the flowers start their blooming;  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,  
you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend,  
this happiness that I've found -  
on God you can depend,  
it matters not where you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountain top;  
I want my world to know:  
the Lord of love has come to me,  
I want to pass it on.