

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

Sunday, October 8, 2017, 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" VU #516

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For our God, one day, shall come,
and shall take this harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;

but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: We have come here to sing songs of thanks to God.

All: Our God who has done marvellous things.

One: God's steadfast love surrounds us from one sunrise to the next.

All: God's love keeps us from one sunset to the next.

One: God's love gives our lives meaning and purpose.

All: We have come to give thanks to God for God's love.

One: Give thanks and praise to God.

Music:

"I'm Gonna Shout"

MV #183

I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out
my love for Jesus, for Jesus!
I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out
my love for God's most holy child!
For whatever I might do today,
At home, at school, at work, at play,
I've got Jesus' love deep down inside of me!

I'm gonna raise, raise, raise up
my hands for Jesus, for Jesus!
I'm gonna raise, raise, raise up
my hands for God's most holy child!
For whatever I might do today,
At home, at school, at work, at play,
I've got Jesus' love deep down inside of me!

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Matthew 6:25–34

Focus on the Word

Music: “We Plough the Fields”

VU #520

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.*

You only are the maker
of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give us daily bread. **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Go into the world as God’s thankful people.

All: **We go with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

One: Tell the world that God is good.

All: **We go with thanksgiving on our lips.**

One: Show that you are thankful in your living.

All: **We go to live thankful lives in God's world.**

Music: "Now Thank We All Our God"

VU #236

Now thank we all our God, with heart,
and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.