

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

Sunday, October 15, 2017, 9:00 am

World Food Sunday

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "This is God's Wondrous World" VU #296

This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?

Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words: (from Isaiah and Psalm 23)

All: All of you who are thirsty, come to the water! Come and drink – even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk – it’s all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Come and listen to me, and you will eat what is good!

One: In Jerusalem, our God will spread a wonderful feast for all the people of the world. It will be a delicious banquet with clear, well-aged wine and the choicest meat.

All: For God prepares a feast before us in the presence of our enemies. God anoints our heads with oil; our cups overflow.

One: Surely God’s goodness and unfailing love will follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in God’s house forever.

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 20:1-10

Focus on the Word

Music: "Let There Be Light"

VU #679

Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;

open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace;

perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;

hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name;

your kingdom come,
your spirit turn to language,

your people speak together,
your spirit never fade;

let there be light;
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Go out from here as the people of God, strengthened in your desire to live and act as God's people in our hungry, hurting world.

All: **Send us out to wait and to work for the Kingdom. Make us people of hope, fanning the flames of redemption and resurrection in the world.**

One: And may the blessings of God – boundless love, redeeming grace, enduring presence – be among you and within you, now and forever. Amen

Music: **“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”** **VU #512**

Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure

all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.