

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

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 9:00 am

Pentecost 23

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: **"Come All You People"** **MV #2 (x2)**

Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
Come now and worship the Lord.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: Are you ready?

All: **We have prayed that God will bless our time together.
We are ready!**

One: Are you ready to be together here?

All: **Our church friends are with us, and they care for us. We
are ready!**

One: Are you ready to praise God?

All: **We look forward to our part in the praise and the
singing. We are ready!**

One: Are you ready for worship? Are your lamps lit?

All: The stories of Jesus await us. The Holy Spirit will send us out enthused. We are ready.

Music: "Jesus Bids Us Shine" VU #585

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Matthew 25:1-13

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:

All: God, we are awake, and our hope is in you. We will remember the story of our faith, and that, with your grace, we can do good.

One: Prepare yourself to share the gospel of Christ. Make sure that there is oil in your lamp, and fire in your belly. Live your lives as an expression of the love of God. Amen.

Music:

“May the God of Hope Go With Us”

VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

*Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**