

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

Sunday, May 14, 2017, 9:00 am

Easter 5

Welcome & News of the Community

Music:

“God Is Here!”

VU #389

God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant

seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

God of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: God has given us this beautiful earth, the solid rock beneath
our feet.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving and praise.

Music:

“Like A Rock”

MV #92

Like a rock, like a rock,
God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky
God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon
God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
our home is in God evermore.

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: I Peter 2:4-10

Focus on the Word

Music: "Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New" MV #115

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)
I make all things new
Beginning with you
And starting from today.
Behold (behold,) behold, (behold,)
I make all things new,
My promise is true,
For I am Christ the way.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Listen to Jesus, the rock on which we stand.

All: **Jesus is calling us by name, calling us to listen carefully, and live justly.**

One: Jesus is the path for our feet, the road we walk together.

All: **Jesus gives peace within the struggle, and promises life in all its fullness.**

One: Build your life on a solid foundation. Listen to Jesus, the rock on which we stand.

Music: "Will Your Anchor Hold" VU #675

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain:

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

It will surely hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. **R**

It will surely hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;
on the rising tide it can never fail
while our hopes abide within the veil. **R**

When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,
the city of gold, our harbour bright,
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
with the storms all past for evermore. **R**