

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

Sunday, June 4, 2017, 9:00 am

Day of Pentecost

Welcome & News of the Community

Music:

“Let Us Build a House”

MV #1

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek
to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: R

Let us build a house where love is found,
in water, wine and wheat;

a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us; R

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear
the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: R

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: R

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: The diffuse light of the sunrise, a sign;

All: Christ's hopeful light, ending the darkness

One: The lightbeam from a lighthouse, a sign;

All: Christ's light of security in a fast changing world.

One: The clear beam from a flashlight, a sign;

**All: Christ's revealing light, exposing the ways of selfishness
and greed.**

One: A gentle light of a candle, a sign;

All: **Christ, the light of the World for his time, for our time
and all time beyond.**

Music: "I am the Church, You are the Church"

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Romans 12:3-8

Focus on the Word

Music: "The Church's One Foundation"

VU #331

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people,
by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing
and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.

Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees us oppressed,

by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

We now on earth have union
with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: You, Oh God, show us the pattern of a lifestyle that is in tune with your love for all humankind.

All: **All: a lifestyle overflowing with your forgiveness,
a lifestyle marked with compassion,
a lifestyle characterized by sharing,**

**a lifestyle nurtured in family
a lifestyle maturing in community,
a lifestyle concerned with wholeness and healing,
a lifestyle global in its generosity.**

One: A lifestyle following the pattern of Jesus.

Music:

“Deep in our Hearts”

MV #154

Deep in our hearts
there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts
there is a common song;
deep in our hearts
there is a common story,
telling Creation
that we are one.

Deep in our hearts
there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts
there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts
there is a sacred message,
justice and peace
in harmony.

Deep in our hearts
there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts
there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts
there is a common current,

flowing to freedom
like a stream.

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