

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

Sunday, September 3, 2017, 9:00 am

Pentecost 13

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "Gather Us In" **MV #7 (x2)**

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: This weekend, summer comes to a close. Cottagers pack up. Children prepare for school. Vacationers head home. It is the beginning of a new season.

All: Welcome us home, Lord

One: This Sunday, we're back to usual patterns. It is the beginning of a new season.

All: Welcome us home, Lord.

One: Welcome us to you, Lord. Welcome us into these fall months of activity. Welcome us into your house of worship. Welcome us into your company.

All: Let us worship. It is a new season for us and God.

Music:

“This is the Day”

VU #412

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

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that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
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Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Focus on the Word

Music: "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families" VU #556

Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.

From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,

may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

We love because you first loved us. We share because you first blessed us. We pray because you first believed. May what we love, what we share, and what we pray for help to build your great community of love. 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**

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