

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

Sunday, September 24, 2017, 9:00 am

Pentecost 16

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "How Great Thou Art" VU #238, vss 1,2,4

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed. **R**

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **R**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!' **R**

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: The earth comes from God and belongs to God.

All: **We also belong to God.**

One: Open your doors, and follow God's way.

All: **We open our doors to God; the doors of our churches, our homes and our hearts.**

One: May God come and dwell in our midst.

All: **Come and dwell with us, Holy One. Make us your own once again in this time of worship.**

Music:

"Praise Our Maker"

VU #316

Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:
God is love, God is love!

Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:
God is love, God is love!

Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
God is love, God is love!

Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
God is love, God is love!

Care for others, children of the Spirit:
God is love, God is love!

Care for others, children of the Spirit:
God is love, God is love!

Children's Time

Sharing the Story:

Exodus 16: 1-12

Focus on the Word

Music:

“Bless Now, O God, The Journey”

VU #633

Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way,
whose hope burns through the terrors,
whose love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

Divine Eternal Lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise
where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: We have been fed by the stories of faith.

All: We turn our faces into uncertain places so we may know God.

One: We have been sustained by being together today.

All: We give our lives back to the God who cares for us.

One: May the God of manna and justice go with us.

All: May God's Spirit surround us with hope as we walk with Jesus.

Music: "Go Make a Difference"

MV #209

Refrain:

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

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Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.

We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.

Go make a difference in the world. **R**

We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.

We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.

Go make a difference in the world. **R**

So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world. **R**

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