

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

Sunday, November 19, 2017, 9:00 am

Pentecost 24

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: **“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”** **VU #357**
vss. 1,2,3

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!
And how the Master, ready and kind,
chided the billows and hushed the wind.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: Come to this place to hear the stories of God's people.

All: We come in keen anticipation.

One: Come to this place to sing the songs that tell of Jesus' love for
God's people.

All: We come with open hearts.

One: Come to this place to witness the beauty created by the Holy Spirit working among God's people.

All: We come ready to hear the Spirit's call in our lives. We come to Worship God.

Music: "Small Things Count" VU #361

Small things count, so Jesus said:
cups of water, crumbs of bread,
small things done because we're kind
count as big things in God's mind.

Small things make the big things grow:
grains of yeast inside the dough,
puffs that fill a big balloon,
notes that make a happy tune.

Every hair that's on our head,
every sparrow, Jesus said,
God takes care of, counts and knows,
God loves us from top to toes!

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Matthew 25:14-30

Focus on the Word

**Music: "Take My Life and Let It Be" VU #506
vss. 1,2,5**

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Go from this place to bring the change that God seeks.

**All: We will search out our talents carefully;
We will use our abilities generously;
We will share our time graciously;
We will comfort the suffering tenderly;
We will confront the powerful openly.**

One: And the God who gave us Jesus will give you peace.

Music:

“Go, Now, in Peace”

VU #964 (x3)

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.