

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

Sunday, January 14, 2018, 9:00 am

Epiphany 2
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: **“Open My Eyes, That I Might See”** **VU #371**

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. **R**

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share. **R**

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: God has called us to this place, where we can hear the stories that have formed us as a people.

All: God has called us to add our names to the long list of those who have followed.

One: God has called us to hear the story, so that we can respond to the call.

All: We are called. We respond: "Here I am; send me."

Music:

"Draw the Circle Wide"

MV #145

Refrain:

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **R**

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **R**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R**

Children's Time

Sharing the Story:

I Samuel 3:1-10

Focus on the Word

Music: **“As We Gather, at Your Table”**

VU #457

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: ... and joining your unending hymn:

Sanctus: (All)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Consecration

Invitation

Fraction and Distribution

Prayer after Communion

Affirmation:

One: From where we are, to where you need us.

All: Jesus, now lead on.

One: From the familiarity of what we know, to the wonder of what
you will reveal.

All: Jesus, now lead on.

One: To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the
shape of your kingdom.

All: Jesus, now lead on.

One: Because good things have been prepared for those who love
God.

All: Jesus, now lead on.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**