

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

Sunday, February 11, 2018, 9:00 am

Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" VU #104

We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.

Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.

But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: Through Epiphany we have been walking in the light of Christ.

All: We are children of God and followers of Jesus, the Light of the world.

One: Next week the light of our faith will guide us into the gathering shadows of Lent.

All: In thankfulness for the light and love of God, let's worship now!

One: Let's pray together.

All: Wonderful God, your brilliance is not only seen on mountaintops in Bible stories. Your brilliance shines wherever your people show love and compassion in your name. May our worship together inspire us to go out from here overflowing with your grace, ready to shine your love and peace everywhere, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Music:

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

VU p. 958

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Repeat x1

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Mark 9:2-9

Focus on the Word

Music: "We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection" VU #586

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: We are people who have been to the mountaintop, but we live and work in the valleys of life.

All: **You do not mean for us to dwell on this mountain, God, but you send us into the valleys, where Christ's glory can shine through our transformed lives.**

One: Know that disciples do not go into the valleys alone.

All: Christ goes with us.

One: In the name of God, may this be so for you.

All: Amen.

Music:

“Go To The World”

VU #420

(vss. 1, 4)

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where

Christ renews life's worth,

baptising as the sign of our rebirth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

for I am with you 'til the age shall end,

when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!