

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

Sunday, February 25, 2018, 9:00 am

**Lent 2**

**Welcome & News of the Community**

**Music:**                    **“Come and Find the Quiet Centre”**                    **VU #374**

Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:

there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

## **Basket of Blessings**

### **Gathering Words:**

One: Our Lenten journey calls us to venture along the rocky road of challenge and blessing.

**All: This is a journey that we will make in faith.**

One: We follow Jesus Christ, who is our teacher and companion.

**All: Jesus shows us the way. Thanks be!**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

One: It's the second Sunday of Lent, God, your time to help us get ready for Holy Week and Easter. We think of those who turned away from Jesus during his earthly ministry.

**All: And we remember that we, too, turn away.**

One: Jesus was approached by a rich man. He said he wanted eternal life, but he was unwilling to change his lifestyle and he walked away.

**All: We too are often unwilling to change even the smallest part of our lifestyle in order to follow Jesus. The darkness approaches when we sadly walk away.**

One: We extinguish the second candle, confessing our unwillingness to do what is necessary to follow Jesus.

### **Assurance of Pardon:**

One: As the shadows gather, God has good news for each one. "You are loved. You are forgiven." God is good.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Music:**

**“Jesus’ Hands were Kind Hands”**

**VU #570**

Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness,  
blessing children small,  
washing tired feet, and  
saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all.

Take my hands, O Jesus,  
let them work for you,  
make them strong and gentle,  
kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus,  
till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands,  
quick to work for you.

**Children’s Time**

**Sharing the Story:** Matthew 19:16-22

**Focus on the Word**

**Music:**

**“O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

**VU #120**  
(vss 1,2,4)

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain for ever near me,  
my Saviour and my friend:  
I shall not fear the journey  
if you are by my side,

nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer  
and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you,  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Saviour and my friend.

## **Prayer in Action**

### **Affirmation:**

One: You lead us out to serve, O God.

**All: Give us courage to help the disadvantaged.**

One: Give us the willingness to offer a second chance.

**All: Give us patience when trouble comes.**

One: Give us wisdom when choices must be made.

**All: Give us peace in the midst of turmoil.**

One: Give us your merciful presence every day.

**Music:**

**“Go Make a Difference”**

**MV #209**

(vss 1,3)

**Refrain:**

*Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.*

(2 more times)

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**

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**