

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

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 9:00 am

Easter 5

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "We Are Pilgrims" VU #595, vss 1,2,4

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: Jesus is the true vine and God is the vine grower.

All: We are the branches.

One: It is God's Word that makes the branches strong.

All: God celebrates when we act faithfully and stay connected.

Music:

"Jesus Loves Me"

VU #365

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.

Refrain:

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.' **R**

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. **R**

Children's Time

Sharing the Story:

John 15:1-8

Focus on the Word

Music:

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

VU #227

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Go from this place knowing you are rooted in Christ.

All: We go as faith-filled people, nourished on the branches of the True Vine.

One: Go from this place trusting in the Spirit's leading.

All: We go as those who know God's presence in our lives.

One: Go from this place sustained by God's loving grace, today and every day.

All: Amen.

Music:

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

VU #357

vss. 1-3

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.