

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

Sunday, May 13, 2018, 9:00 am

Christian Family Sunday

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "Spirit, Open My Heart"

MV #79

Refrain:

*Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. **R**

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. **R**

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. **R**

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: Families come in many forms.

All: Different sizes and different shapes.

One: Made up of people.

All: Sometimes we are in families by birth, sometimes by choice.

One: Most families are filled with love.

All: They share love with one another, so that their homes are a welcoming and safe place.

One: Some families have difficult times.

All: They experience anger and sadness, hurt and fear, so love is hard to find.

One: In the church, we call ourselves family too, Christ's family.

All: We are sisters and brothers in Christ's love.

One: As we share Christ's love with one another,

All: may we work together to make this church a safe and caring place for all. Amen.

Music:

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

VU #226

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

*God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, **R**

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, **R**

Refrain:

*God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, **R**

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Focus on the Word

Music: "Love is Something if You Give It Away"

Love is something if you give it away,
give it away, give it away,
Love is something if you give it away,
you end up having more.

Love is like a magic penny,
hold it tight and you won't have any.
Lend it, spend it, you'll have so many,
they'll roll all over the floor.

Love is something if you give it away,
give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
you end up having more.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation

Music:

“He Leadeth Me”

VU #657

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

*He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me!*

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. **R**

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **R**

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
even death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. **R**