

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

Sunday, May 20, 2018, 9:00 am

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "Gather Us In" **MV #7 (X3)**

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: God of Creation,

All: God of Salvation, God of Wind and Flame!

One: Changeless God,

All: Ever-seeking, Ever-reaching, Ever-teaching God.

One: Sovereign God

All: Prince of Peace, Comforter and Friend

One: God in three Persons,

All: Blessed Trinity!

Music: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" **VU #291**
vss. 1,2,5

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings. **R**

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.*

The purpleheaded mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky; **R**

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. **R**

Children's Time

Reflection

Music: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

VU #563
vss. 1,2

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain:

*O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.*

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour. **R**

Reflection

Music:

“Spirit Open My Heart”

MV #79

vss. 1,2

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**

Reflection

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: May God our Creator who crowns each of us with glory and honor, Christ Jesus who bears our pain and shows us the Way, and the Holy Spirit who gives us light and life, go with you and fill you with strength, courage, hope, and love.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: Go in peace.

All: Amen.

Music:

“Now Thank We All Our God”

VU #236

vss. 1,3

Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.