

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

**January 29, 2017, 9:00 am**

**Epiphany 4**

**Welcome & News of the Community**

**Music: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU #563**

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. (Refrain)

You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labours to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving. (Refrain)

You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. (Refrain)

**Basket of Blessings**

## Gathering Words:

**Left:** All you who are broken and discarded by the world, come into the house of God.

**Right:** *You who are poor in spirit and you who mourn, you who are meek or persecuted for righteousness' sake, are welcome in God's house and among God's family.*

**Left:** All you whose values and principles contrast so sharply with what the world holds dear, offer yourselves in worshiping and serving God.

**Right:** *You who are merciful, pure in heart, or peacemakers, and you who hunger and thirst for righteousness, will find yourselves in serving God.*

**Left:** Blessed are you when you do not fit in with the rest of the world.

**Right:** *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven.*

**Music:** "Jesus Saw Them Fishing" MV #113

Jesus saw them fishing by the shore of Galilee,  
Casting out their nets into the sea.  
Simon Peter, Andrew and the sons of Zebedee,  
Waiting in their boats so patiently.

### **Refrain:**

*And Jesus said, "Oh, come and follow me.  
Oh, leave behind your nets. I call you.  
Oh, come and fish with me,  
And your life will never be the same again.*

A rich young person came to Jesus looking for advice.  
"How can I obtain eternal life?"  
Jesus told him, "Honour the commandments of the Lord.  
Then sell off all your riches for the poor." (Refrain)

“If you want to follow me, deny your very self.  
Take up your cross and walk the walk with me.  
This might seem a hardship, an impossibility,  
But nothing is impossible with God.” (Refrain)

**Refrain:**

*And Jesus said, “Oh, come and follow me.  
Oh, leave behind your nets. I call you.  
Oh, come and fish with me,  
And your life will never be the same again.*

**Children’s Time**

**Sharing the Story:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Focus on the Word**

**Music: “Make Me a Channel of your Peace”**

**VU #684**

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## Prayer in Action

### Affirmation:

One: Let us go to seek justice for others and to love kindness more than ever.

**All: We will go to live as God asks us to live.**

One: Let us walk humbly through life; let us offer mercy to those who hurt us.

**All: Let us go out to be a blessing.**

One: Let us choose weakness rather than power, and love instead of disdain.

**All: We will reflect the One who has called us to serve others.**

### Music:

#### **“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”**

**MV #212**

Sent out in Jesus’ name,  
Our hands are ready now  
To make the world the place  
In which the kingdom comes. (X2)

The angels cannot change  
A world of hurt and pain  
Into a world of love,  
Of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do,  
To set it really free.  
O help us to obey,  
And carry out your will.