

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

February 5, 2017, 9:00 am

Epiphany 5

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "Come All You People" MV #2 (x2)

Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
Come now and worship the Lord.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: In a society that lives in the shadowed recesses of doubt and fear,

All: God calls us to be light.

One: In a world where every greed is fed until there is no taste to life,

All: God calls us to be salt.

One: In a time when loyalties are discarded as easily as the clothes we wear,

All: God calls us to be faithful.

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)

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Matthew 5: 13-16

Focus on the Word

Music: **"Jesus Bids Us Shine"** **VU #585**

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Jesus declares that we are salt to the world,
All: so let us go to bring justice, hope, and grace to all.
One: Jesus declares that we are light to those around us,
All: so may we go to shine on the brokenness around.
One: We are called to be a community for all,
All: so let us go to embrace our sisters and brothers.
One: Amen.
All: Amen.

Music:

“Go Make a Difference”

MV #209

Refrain:

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

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

We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;

we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world. R

Refrain:

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

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