

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

Sunday, April 30, 2017, 9:00 am

Easter 3

Welcome & News of the Community

Music:

“This is the Day”

VU #412

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: This is the day that God has made.

All: We will rejoice and be glad!

One: Let's come into God's presence with praise and thanksgiving,

All: We praise God's name! We come to Worship!

Music:

"Walk with Me"

VU #649, vss 1,4

Refrain:

*Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.*

When Moses heard the call of God
he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'
But God told Moses, 'You're the one
to set my people free.' R

And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you. R

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Luke 24: 13-35

Focus on the Word

Music: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU #371

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. R

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share. R

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: And now, into God's world we go, to continue our walk with
Jesus, in all the places life calls us to be. Let us go with joy,

All: for God calls us to share God's work.

One: Let us go with purpose,

All: for God equips us for the work to which we are called.

One: Let us go with hope,

All: for God will show us the places where we are most needed.

One: And, in the words of John Wesley, let us remember,

All: best of all, God is with us.

Music:

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

VU #341

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.