

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

Sunday, October 29, 2017, 9:00 am

The Real Reformation Sunday

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" VU #264

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: God of Life: may your light shine on your people today, as it shone in each moment of history.

All: May the light of your presence inspire this celebration.

One: May your presence inspire our lives, to praise you and recognize you:

**All: As source of all creation, as strength that sustains,
as sap that nurtures, as wisdom that foresees,
as clarity that discovers, as love that understands,
as mercy that forgives...**

**May the light of your presence,
Eternal and inextinguishable, shine on us now and
forever till the dawn of your Kingdom, present in each
day. Amen.**

Music: "Like A Rock" MV#92 (x2)

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

Children's Time

Sharing the Story

Focus on the Word: Matthew 22:34-40

Music: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV # 145

Refrain:

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **R**

Refrain:

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **R**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Let us pray together...

All: Here we stand, Lord, the people you have redeemed.

One: Here we stand, Lord, giving thanks to you for you are good.

All: We give thanks that your love lasts forever. We thank you that you free those who are oppressed. Here we stand knowing that it is you we all can cry out to for help in times of trouble. Here we stand with those who reformed the church so long ago and with those who still are reforming the church today. Here we stand

witnesses to your good news for all. Here we stand your servants, your followers, your children.

Music: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” VU #325

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and its confidence alone.

To this temple where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with your faithful loving-kindness
hear your servants as they pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one,
one in might, and one in glory,
while unending ages run.