

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 21, 2018, 11:00 am

Epiphany 3

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles

* **Introit:** "God is Here" VU #389, v1

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Haven't you heard? God has work for us to do.

All: But we aren't worthy.

One: Haven't you heard? God has plans for us.

All: But we aren't ready.

One: Haven't you heard? With God, all things are possible.

All: We will trust in God.

* **Hymn:** "Jesus, You Have Come to The Lakeshore" VU #563

Listening

Minute for Mission

Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem "Everyday Miracles"

Scripture Readings:

Mark 1:16-20; 2:14-17; 7:24-30; 10:17-22; 10:46-52

Sermon: Follow Me

* **Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me?" VU #567

* **Prayer:**

Left: Jesus, you gave up your place in Heaven and sacrificed a quiet carpenter's life on earth, in order to publicly proclaim the Good News.

Right: You called ordinary people, like fishermen, to tell others that God's Way has come near. To follow you they gave up family tradition and sacrificed security with their loved ones.

Left: All this was done in obedience to God, and in real love for all God's children, to that they might know the Good News of God's love.

Right: This wonderful Way of God is both already here and almost, but not quite here yet. You delight us with the news that there is more to come.

All: God, revealer and ruler of the Kingdom that has come near, we bow before you, surrendering our own lives and answering your call to proclaim the good news, to cast our nets far and wide, in real love for God and all of God's children, until time in complete and God's community fills Heaven and earth.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "When We Are Living" VU #581, v2

*** Offertory Prayer:**

We are grateful to be your people, to be called to be generous, to be in ministry in your world. Bless our gifts, our giving and our hopes for a world in which your will is done. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** "Jesus Calls Us" VU #562

*** Commissioning:**

One: Jesus says to you, "Follow me."

All: Where you lead us, Jesus, we will follow.

One: Jesus says, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

All: We will leave our nets and our preoccupations to tell others the Good News.

One: "Because you answer my call," says Jesus, "the blessing of God will be upon you and the company of God's people will surround you, in this world and beyond."

All: Amen. Amen.

*** Choral Amen (All)**

Music as We Depart