

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

Sunday, February 4, 2018, 9:00 am

**Epiphany 5**

**Welcome & News of the Community**

**Music:**                                    **“Come All You People”**                                    **MV #2 (X3)**

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:** Fill us with your love, O God!

**All:** **You have created us and our world; your gracious action calls us to a loving response.**

**One:** Fill us with your praise, O God!

**All:** **Your many gifts overwhelm us and call us to worship and thanksgiving.**

**One:** Fill us with your spirit of generosity, O God!

**All:** **We will give from our plenty and be willing to receive new visions and fresh insights. Amen.**

**Music:**                    **“Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”**                    **VU #570**

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,  
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

**Children’s Time**

**Sharing the Story:**                    Mark 1:29-39

**Focus on the Word**

**Music:**                    **“We Have This Ministry”**                    **VU #510**

We have this ministry  
and we are not discouraged;  
it is by God's own power  
that we may live and serve.  
Openly we share God's word,  
speaking truth as we believe,  
praying that the shadowed world  
may healing light receive.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.

O Christ, the tree of life,  
our end and our beginning,  
we grow to fullest flower  
when rooted in your love.  
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,

called to service by your grace,  
different cultures, different gifts,  
the young and old a place.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

The yoke of Christ is ours,  
the whole world is our parish;  
we daily take the cross,  
the burden and the joy.  
Bearing hurts of those we serve,  
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,  
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,  
we die and rise again.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.

## Prayer in Action

### Affirmation:

One: Go out to serve. Someone needs you today.

**All: We pray God will open our eyes to the needs around us.**

One: Go in the name of Jesus who sends us. Speak a healing word.  
Do a caring deed.

**All: God cares about the broken-hearted. Surely God will empower our ministry.**

One: God's power will be in you when you pray.

**All: We shall run and not be weary. We will serve in the strength God supplies.**

One: Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**Music:**

**“Go Make a Difference”**

**MV #209**

(vss. 1, 3)

**Refrain:**

*Go make a difference. We can make a difference.*

*Go make a difference in the world.*

(Repeat twice more)

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**

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**