

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

Sunday, April 15, 2018, 9:00 am

Easter 3

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: **“In the Bulb, There is a Flower”** **VU #703**

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,

unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: We have gathered to worship God.

All: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community and insight.

One: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence with us.

All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.

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.

Children's Time

Sharing the Story:

Luke 24:36-48

Focus on the Word

A New Creed

VU p. 918

We are not alone,
 We live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
 by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church;
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
 our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Music:

"Come to My Heart"

VU #661

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy

that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: We have prayed, we have sung.

All: We have spoken, we have listened. We have wrestled with doubts and received Christ's peace and forgiveness.

One: Go out this day, carrying Christ's peace and forgiveness with you. Offer them to all you encounter who are in need of them. Go, continuing to celebrate the resurrection of the living, risen Christ!

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -
on God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.