

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

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 9:00 am

Easter 4

Welcome & News of the Community

Music: **“The Lord’s My Shepherd”** **VU p. 747**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me,
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou has furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: Bring us together, O God, as a shepherd gathers the flock.

All: Your care for us is wholehearted.

One: Sustain us, O God, in the testing situations of life.

All: Your strength is our endurance.

One: Keep us faithful, O God, when we feel most alone.

All: Your friendship is expressed through your people.

One: Let us worship God.

Music:

“Are You A Shepherd?”

MV #126

Are you a shepherd,
good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger,
while calming our fears?
Are you a father
who shelters and feeds us,
shares in our laughter
and wipes away tears?

Refrain:

*Yes, you are shepherd,
parent and teacher,
but you are greater
than all that we know.
Holy and living,
loving and giving,
God, you are with us
wherever we go.*

Are you a mother,
good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us
and helps us to rest?

Are you a teacher
who daily prepares us,
challenging students
to offer their best? **R**

Great, gentle shepherd,
forever beside us,
lead all your children
in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent,
wise teacher, you guide us.
We want to love you
and bring you delight. **R**

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: John 10:11-18

Focus on the Word

Music: "He Leadeth Me" VU #657 vss. 1,2,4

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

*He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me!*

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. **R**

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
even death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Listen to the voice of Jesus.

All: The shepherd is calling us by name, calling us to give thanks, convincing us to listen carefully, challenging us to live justly, rejoicing that we share worship and service with other Christians, promising us peace within the struggle, assuring us life, life in all its fullness.

One: Listen to the voice of Jesus.

Music:

“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”

MV#212

Sent out in Jesus’ name,
Our hands are ready now
To make the world the place
In which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change
A world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love,
Of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do,
To set it really free.
O help us to obey,
And carry out your will.