

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

Sunday, September 2, 2018, 9:00 am

**Creation Sunday**

**Music as We Gather**

**Welcome & News of the Community**

**Music: "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

**VU #226**

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

**Refrain:**

*God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light, **R**

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, **R**

For each perfect gift sublime  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, **R**

## Basket of Blessings

### Gathering Words:

One: Come to this sacred place to find God in reverence and in awe.

**All: We come ready to be inspired.**

One: Come to this ordinary place to find God in everyday life events.

**All: We come ready to be surprised.**

One: Come to this prayer-soaked place to find God in each other.

**All: We come ready to worship.**

**Music: "She Comes Sailing on the Wind"**

**VU #380**

### Refrain:

*She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night,  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.  
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,  
like a mother breathing life into her child. **(to next verse)**

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight  
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.  
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,  
and then down the ages still she flew on. **R**

To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,  
a whisper softly calling in the dark,

the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,  
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart. **(to next verse)**

Flying to the river, she waited circling high  
above the child now grown so full of grace.  
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,  
and she carried him away in her embrace. **R**

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,  
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,  
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,  
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. **R**

## **Children's Time**

**Sharing the Story:**                    Genesis 1:1-25

## **Focus on the Word**

**Music:**                    **"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"**

**VU #509**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

### **Refrain:**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **R**

**Refrain:**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? **R**

**Prayer in Action**

**Affirmation:**

One: We leave this place and go our separate ways toward  
different horizons.

**All: When we are discouraged, we will lift our eyes to the  
mountains and we will know this is where our help  
comes.**

One: Earth itself rises to teach, love, and provide for itself and us.

**All: And so we also rise to teach, love, and provide for Earth  
and for each other.**

**Music:**

**“All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

**VU #291**

**Refrain:**

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
in love, God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their tiny wings. **R**

The purpleheaded mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky; **R**

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
God made them every one. **R**

The rocky mountain splendour,  
the lone wolf's haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forest in the fall; **R**

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God our maker,  
who has made all things well. **R**