

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

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 9:00 am

Music as We Gather

Welcome & News of the Community

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you!**

Music: "New Every Morning"

VU #405

Vss: 1,2,5

New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life, and power, and thought.

New mercies each returning day
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

Only, O God, in your dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: Today, God calls out to our world in love.

All: **God calls out every day.**

One: Today, at this moment, we pause and listen.

All: **Come, celebrate. God is calling your name.**

Music: **“Jesus, Friend of Little Children”**

VU #340

Jesus, friend of little children,
let me be one too;
take my hand, and ever keep me
close to you.

Teach me how to grow in goodness,
daily as I grow.

You have been a child, and surely
you must know.

Never leave me, nor forsake me;
ever be my friend;
for I need you, from life's dawning
to its end.

Children’s Time

Sharing the Story: Mark 8:27–38

Focus on the Word

Music: **“I Have Called You by Your Name”**

MV #161

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are
true. You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can
claim, offer Jesus’ body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of
doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children
whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Who do people say we are?

All: We are Christians, following the ways of our Christ.

One: We go out today preserving the very essence of who we are.

**All: We go from this place following Jesus our Christ, making
our faith and love for all – known to all.**

Music:

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

VU #567

Vss. 1,2,5

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Benediction