

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

Sunday, October 7, 2018, 9:00 am

**Music as We Gather**

**Welcome & News of the Community**

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

**All: And also with you!**

**Music:** "Come, All You People" MV #2

Come all you people,  
come and see your blessings,  
come all you people,  
come and see your blessings,  
come all you people,  
come and see your blessings,  
Come now and worship our God.

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 our God.

**Basket of Blessings**

## Gathering Words:

One: We gather together as people of God,

**All: to sing, to pray, to give thanks!**

One: We gather together as disciples of Christ,

**All: to dance, to laugh, to give thanks!**

One: We gather together as movers in the Spirit,

**All: to live, to praise, to give thanks!**

One: And with our songs, with our prayers,  
with our thanksgivings, and with our lives,

**All: We worship the One who lives in us, through us, and  
around us. We worship the One who is life itself—God of  
all Creation! Amen.**

**Music:** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

VU #357,  
Vss 1,2,4

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!

**Children's Time** "Don't Worry, be Thankful"

**Sharing the Story:** Mark 9:38–50

**Focus on the Word**

**Music:**

“Small Things Count”

VU #361

Small things count, so Jesus said:  
cups of water, crumbs of bread,  
small things done because we're kind  
count as big things in God's mind.

Small things make the big things grow:  
grains of yeast inside the dough,  
puffs that fill a big balloon,  
notes that make a happy tune.

Every hair that's on our head,  
every sparrow, Jesus said,  
God takes care of, counts and knows,  
God loves us from top to toes!

## **Prayer in Action**

### **Affirmation:**

**One:** Let's leave this time and place of worship remembering  
God's goodness to us:

**All:** **a goodness known in Creation, in our relationships, and  
most especially known in Jesus Christ.**

**One:** Let us commit ourselves to lives of thanksgiving and thanks-  
living, remembering that when we are simply grateful, life is  
simply great!

**All:** **Let us go now, with smiles on our faces, with joy in our  
hearts, with purpose and in kindness, to be God's people  
in all the places life calls us to be.**

**Music:**

“Go to the World”

VU #420, Vss 1-2

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,

baptising as the sign of our rebirth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## **Benediction**