

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

Sunday, November 4, 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:** "For All The Saints" VU #705  
Vs. 1,2,5

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,  
all who by faith before the world confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:  
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;  
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
as God to glory calls them all away.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

**Basket of Blessings**

## Gathering Words:

One: People of God, prepare your hearts!

**All: We prepare them, as many have done in this place before us.**

One: Prepare your spirit, all you Saints.

**All: God calls us here because this is where we need to be.**

One: People of God, prepare to worship!

**All: We're here to worship, and we're ready!**

One: Good! Then let us worship God!

## Music:

"This Is God's Wondrous World"

VU #296

This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.

This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

## **Children's Time**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing the Story:** John 11:32-44

**Focus on the Word** "You're the Saints"

**Music:** "I See a New Heaven" VU #713  
Vs. 1,2,4

### **Refrain:**

*I see a new heaven.  
I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
where the fountain of life flows  
and without price goes  
to all people who abide in the land.*

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,  
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,  
the Tree of Life will be. R

There, there where death dies and our lives are born  
again,  
body and soul, struggling but whole  
like flowers after the rain. R

There, there where we work with the love of healing  
hands.  
Labour we must, true to our trust  
to build a promised new land. R

## Prayer in Action

### Affirmation:

One: Go from this place continuing the work of making our world  
new with the Spirit of Christ. Where there is hurt, and tears  
are falling...

**All: we will be God's comfort.**

One: Where there is anger, and violence reigns supreme...

**All: we will be God's peace.**

One: Where there is neglect, and loneliness abides...

**All: we will be God's love.**

One: Go as the Saints of this generation who are the love of God,  
the incarnation of Christ, and the friendship of the Spirit.

**All: We are God's beloved. Amen.**

### Music:

"Come, Let Us Sing"

VU #222  
Vs. 1,2,4

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.

## **Benediction**