

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

Sunday, November 25, 2018, 9:00 am

Music as We Gather

Welcome & News of the Community

One: Blessed be God, the Source of all Being.

All: **Blessed be God, the Breath of the Universe, the Wisdom behind Nature and Scripture.**

One: Welcome to Orchard Valley United this morning.
The grace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you!**

Music: "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

VU #374
vss. 1&3

Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,

there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: Creator God, you are the Spirit and Breath of the Universe.

All: You are the Center towards whom we journey and the Way leading to wholeness.

One: We see your world of abundance and blessing all around us.

All: We hear your call to be your eyes, your ears, your hands,

One: experiencing creation and caring for it,

All: expressing our wonder in thankfulness and praise.

One: We come together as a community of faith and compassion.

All: We open our hearts and minds to be inspired and made one in your Spirit. Amen.

Music: "He Came Singing Love"

VU #359
Vss. 1, 2, 4

He came singing love and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Friends, as we go into the world, let us work towards the world God desires for humankind.

All: May we speak God's truth,

One: may we be inspired by Jesus' way,

All: and may the Spirit grant us courage to lead, to follow, and to serve.

Music: "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

*Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

Benediction