

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, January 13, 2019, 9:00 am

Baptism of the Lord

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 In, Come In and Sit Down" VU #395 vs. 1,3,4

Refrain:

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. **R**

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

Refrain:

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

Basket of Blessings

Gathering Words:

One: We gather in the name of Christ to worship God.

All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: God's love is for you and for all people, everywhere.

All: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

One: The living Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

Music: "Draw the Circle Wide"

MV #145

Refrain:

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;

nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **R**

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **R**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R**

Children's Time

Sharing the Story: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Focus on the Word: **Baptism Vocation**

Music: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

VU #371

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;

and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. **R**

Refrain:

*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share. **R**

Prayer in Action

Thanksgiving Communion

A Call to Give Thanks:

One: May God be with us.

All: God is here among us.

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All: Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

One: We give thanks because God is always with us.
We thank God, Creator of us all;
from the beginning God made the world and all its creatures.
You made people to live for you and for one another.
We praise you, O God.

All: We praise you, O God.

One: You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden;
you showed Noah a rainbow;
you gave Moses strength to free your people
and taught Miriam to sing;
you gave courage to Esther and loyalty to Ruth;
you gave David a harp to sing your praise,
and helped him defeat the giant.
We praise you, O God.

All: We praise you, O God.

One: Yet, even they turned away from you
and forgot about you, as we do too.
But you did not forget.
You sent Jesus to the world
to show how much you love us
and to bring us back to you again.
We praise you, O God.

All: We praise you, O God.

One: He came as one of us,
first an infant, then a child,
later a youth, then an adult.
He rejoiced with those who rejoiced,
and wept with those who wept.
To the despairing, he spoke a word of hope.
To the sick, he gave healing.
To the hurting, he was a friend.

Still, people turned away from you.
They betrayed Jesus and nailed him to a cross.

But he was lifted from the grave and restored to life,
that he might be with us and we with him,
alive for evermore!

Therefore with all the saints of every time and place,
we join the angels in their praise:

Song of Creation:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Remembering Jesus at Table:

All: Why do we eat bread at this table?

One: We gather at this table to remember that
on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his friends,
he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

**All: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me."**

All: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

One: That same night, Jesus also took a cup, and after giving
thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

All: “Drink. This cup, poured out for you,
is the promise of God.
Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

One: We drink this to remember Jesus.

All: **What do we remember at this table?**

One: We remember Jesus’ death and celebrate his resurrection;
we await with hope his coming again
to bring peace and justice to the earth;
and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Affirmation of Memory and Hope:

All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

All: **For whom do we pray at this table?**

One: We pray for God’s world

Prayer of Transformation / Blessings of the Elements

One: Send, O God,
your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who share in this bread and cup
may be the body of Christ:
light, life, and love in the world.
Sharing of Holy Communion

Concluding Praise:

One: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Prayer of Jesus)

Affirmation:

One: You are each precious in God's sight.

All: We go from this place, claiming our identity as children of God.

One: God has called you by name.

All: We go into the world to answer God's call. Alleluia!

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**

Benediction