

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

**Order of Worship**

Sunday, February 3, 2019, 9:00 am

**Christian Unity**

**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!**

**Gathering Words:**

**One:** As God's presence draws us in...

**All:** **...we gather.**

**One:** As God's spirit inspires us...

**All:** **...we worship.**

**One:** By God's grace empowering us...

**All:** **...we live.**

**One:** Opened by God's love...

**All:** **...we share.**

**Music:** "River Running in You and Me"

MV #163  
vs 1, 2, 3, 7

River running in you and me,  
Spirit of life, deep mystery,  
Dancing down to the holy sea,  
River run deep, River run free.

River laughed on my birthing day,  
Wind and water joined in play  
Soaked my soul in a shining spray,  
River run deep, River run free.

River, cry my name to me,  
Lend me hope and memory,  
Sing me the story of the holy sea,  
River run deep, River run free.

River singin' in you and me,  
Spirit of life – deep mystery  
Catch us up in your melody  
River run deep, River run free.

## **Basket of Blessings**

### **Children's Time**

**Music:** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

VU #382

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

**Sharing the Story:** Matthew 5:1–12

**Focus on the Word:** **Defining Ministry**

**Music:** “It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker”

MV #30

It’s a song of praise to the Maker,  
the thrush sings high in the tree.  
It’s a song of praise to the Maker,  
the gray whale sings in the sea.

**Refrain:**

*And by the Spirit you and I  
can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

It’s a call of life to the Giver,  
when waves and waterfalls roar,  
it’s a call of life to the Giver,  
when high tides break on the shore. **R**

It’s a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the bumblebees hum-a-long.  
It’s a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the summer breeze joins the song. **R**

It’s the chorus of all creation;  
it’s sung by all living things,  
it’s the chorus of all creation;  
a song the universe sings. **R**

## Prayer in Action

### Affirmation:

One: Go out today following God's path...

**All: ...God's truth and light will lead us.**

One: Go out knowing we are God's blessed...

**All: ...knowing we are the mourning, merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, longing for righteousness.**

One: We have been given many gifts...

**All: ...and we will go out and share these gifts with joy.**

**Alleluia!**

### Music:

"Like a Healing Stream"

MV #144

Like a healing stream  
In a barren desert,  
Spirit water bringing  
Life to dusty earth,  
God is trickling through our lives  
As in a dream unfolding,  
Promising revival and rebirth...  
Like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain  
On a thirsty garden,  
Spirit water come  
To nourish tiny seed,  
God is bubbling through the soil  
To coax a new creation,  
Yearning for an end to want and need...  
Like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong  
With a restless current,  
Spirit water rushing on  
To distant shore,  
God is carving out a channel  
In a new direction,  
Calling for an end to hate and war...  
Like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea  
Reaching far horizons,  
Spirit water with a love  
Both deep and wide,  
God is working in our hearts  
To shape a new tomorrow:  
God will always challenge and provide!  
Like a mighty sea,  
Like a river strong,  
Like a gentle rain,  
Like a healing stream.

## **Benediction**