

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

**Order of Worship**

Sunday, March 3, 2019, 9:00 am

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Music as We Gather**

**Welcome & News of the Community**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

**Gathering Words:**

One: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

All: **We know what to expect and what is expected of us.**

One: But Christ calls us to the mountain top for a new vision.

All: **But what if we are not sure we are ready for that?**

One: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

All: **Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us. Amen.**

**Music:** "And on This Path"

MV #8

And on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,

the gates of holiness are open wide,  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gate are open wide!

So enter in  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
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the gates of holiness are open wide,  
so enter in  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gate are open wide!

### **Opening Prayer:**

**One:** Radiant Lord, you shine with purity, power, and truth.

**All:** **Your mercy reflects your compassion, your care, and your love.**

**One:** Transform us into your image as we seek to follow you.

**All:** **Use us to make your presence known throughout the world. Amen.**

### **Basket of Blessings**

### **Children's Time**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Music:** "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" VU #570

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,  
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

**Sharing the Story:** Luke 9:28–36

**Focus on the Word:** **Shining Faces**

**Music:** “Oh a Song Must Rise” MV #142

Oh a song must rise  
for the spirit to descend  
Oh a song must rise  
once again (again)  
Singing out God’s praises and glory,  
the faithful voices blend,  
Oh a song must rise  
For the spirit to descend (descend).

**Prayer in Action**

### **Thanksgiving Communion**

**Invitation:**

One: Jesus Christ says, “Come to dinner!” Everyone who loves Jesus and wants to live the way Jesus taught us is invited.

**A Call to Give Thanks:**

One: Listen to this good news: Jesus came to show us how much God loves us. Jesus is God’s promise to us.

**All: Thank you, God! Amen!**

One: Let's think about God.

**All: We're thinking about God.**

One: Let's pray and give thanks.

**All: Thanking God is a joyful thing to do!**

One: God, we thank you for everything you do for us.

You created us. You created the beautiful world we live in. You love us so much that you help us know what is good and what is bad. You love us so much that you always want us to love you and love other people. And so we sing together:

**All: Holy, holy, holy God,  
God of power and might!  
The whole world is full of your glory.  
Hosanna!  
Blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
Hosanna!**

One: God is holy and God's Son Jesus is holy. He was born as a baby, just like us. He lived with his mom and dad, Mary and Joseph, and he grew up like us. He studied and learned, like us. When he grew up he showed us your love. He taught people how to love each other, and he helped people have healthy bodies and healthy spirits. He gathered many people into your Church and told us to keep doing his work. To help us remember him, he invited us to his special meal, this holy meal.

### **Words of Institution:**

One: Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his people. He said,

**All: "This bread will remind you that I am giving myself for you."**

One: He took a cup of grape juice and said,

**All: “Drink this to remember me, and remember that I live in you.”**

### **Memorial Acclamation:**

One: And so we remember all the wonderful things you did through Jesus Christ. We want to be part of your family, doing what Jesus did, so we sing:

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

One: God, send your Holy Spirit to us here today. Send your Holy Spirit on this bread and this juice, so that when we eat them, we will know that Jesus lives in us and we live in Jesus. Send your Holy Spirit to connect us with Jesus and with one another in your Church. Send your Holy Spirit to give us power and desire to help other people the way Jesus told us to. Amen.

### **Breaking the Bread:**

One: We are all joined together in Jesus, because we all eat from the same bread and we all receive the same drink.

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

### **Prayer after Receiving:**

**All: God, thank you for this holy meal where Jesus invites us and joins us all together. Help us to live the way Jesus taught us to live. Help us to love you and love ourselves and love each other the way that you love us. Amen.**

## **Affirmation:**

One: Let us go out knowing we never walk or pray alone...

**All: those faithful to Jesus walk and pray with us.**

One: As we leave this place, let's find our thin place,

**All: we will find that place where God feels near.**

One: And where ever we are...

**All: God will always see our shining faces.**

**Music:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" VU #375 vs. 1,3,4

### **Refrain:**

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons  
you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings. **R**

You sang in a stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city  
you called once again,

when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind. **R**

**Refrain:**

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow  
the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions  
your people arise. **R**

**Benediction**