

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, March 24, 2019, 9:00 am

3rd Sunday of Lent

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: A rich feast awaits those who follow Jesus' ways.

All: God offers to us all the bounty of God's love.

One: How we have thirsted for hope and peace!

All: How we have longed for joy and love!

One: God continually blesses and heals us.

**All: Thank God for steadfast love, and our continuing love
for one another.**

Music: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

VU #227

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.

For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer:

One: Gentle and loving God, our souls cling to you...

All: like a newborn baby clings to its mother.

One: Give us this day the Bread of life,

**All: that as we feast at your table, our souls may be filled
with your praise. Amen.**

Basket of Blessings

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

Music:

“Over My Head”

MV #88 v1,2,3

Refrain:

*Over my head, I hear music in the air.
Over my head, I hear music in the air.
Over my head, I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.*

When the storms of life are raging
I hear music in the air.
When the storms of life are ragin'
I hear music in the air.
When the storms of life are ragin;
I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere. **R**

Refrain:

*Over my head, I hear music in the air.
Over my head, I hear music in the air.
Over my head, I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.*

When the winds of strife are blowing
I hear music in the air.
When the winds of strife are blowing
I hear music in the air.
When the winds of strife are blowing
I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere. **R**

When the tide of hate is risin'
I hear music in the air.
When the tide of hate is risin'
I hear music in the air.
When the tide of hate is risin'
I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere. **R**

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Sharing the Story: Luke 13:1-9

Focus on the Word: **Get Bent**

Music: "Water Flowing from the Mountains" MV #87

Water flowing from the mountains.
Water flowing o'er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.

Refrain:

*Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings, and living water brings
The love that makes our spirit grow.*

Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free. **R**

Refrain:

*Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings, and living water brings
The love that makes our spirit grow.*

Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water for each one. **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Go out seeking new perspectives.

All: Lent is a great time to examine ourselves.

One: Go out seeking ways to get turned around...

All: to become an even better person.

One: We won't stand on the sidelines...

**All: we will go out with the joy of a servant's heart, willing
and cheering, pouring cool water into the dry places.**

Music:

"You Shall Go Out With Joy"

VU #884

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;

there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

Benediction