

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, May 26, 2019, 9:00 am

6th Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Welcome & News of the Community

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

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!

Gathering Words:

One: Come as you are.

All: We come broken and struggling, yearning and hungry.

One: Listen for the story of Jesus making the man at the gate whole,

All: we, too, long to be made whole as individuals and communities.

One: Let us look and see the work of the healing creator.

All: Let us do this as we draw near to the Divine by singing, praying and listening.

One: Let us worship together.

Music:

“Jesus Christ is Waiting”

VU #117

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

Opening Prayer

Basket of Blessings:

God is at work in the world, renewing, remaking, resurrecting, bringing hope through the faith, the gifts, and the work of the church. Let us rejoice in our God-given opportunity to share in God's work of trust, peace, and justice.

Children's Hymn:

"Jump for Joy"

MV #48

I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
I feel you here
I can feel you near me God
I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
Heaven is here.

Refrain:

*And I'll jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.*

I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
Always everywhere
I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care

God I know you're loving me
I know you're there. **R**

Refrain:

*And I'll jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.*

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

Music:

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

MV #79

Refrain:

*Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. **R**

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. **R**

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. **R**

Refrain:

*Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

Sharing the Story: John 5: 1-15

Focus on the Word: **Thomas and Friends**

Music: “You Are Holy, You Are Whole”

You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near;
blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present,
let the cosmos praise you Lord!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
our Lord!

Prayer in Action

Music:

“Take Up His Song”

VU #420

Take up his song of peace
and go into the world,
Take up his song of peace
in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives,
lay them down, in peace,
lay them down, and take up his song.

Benediction