

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, November 3, 2019, 9:00 am

All Saints 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: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek the lost!

All: Let us worship the God who came to find each of us!

One: Let us welcome God into our homes, our hearts and our lives.

All: Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God with love and faith for all.

Music: "Will You Come and Follow Me"

VU #567

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Opening Prayer:

One: Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today:

All: to receive Jesus' invitation to come and be present in our lives.

One: Release us from our inward thinking:

All: and create an atmosphere of healing love in our hearts and our spirits.

One: We ask these things in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Basket of Blessings: (All)

Generous God, you call us down from our lofty perches, asking us to share what we have with you. Bless the gifts that we have given this day. As we go from this place, help us to welcome each person knowing you are with them, and within them. Amen.

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

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**

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.*

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**

Sharing the Story: Luke 19:1-10

Meditation: **Apple Pie**

Music: "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV #161

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are
true. You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can
claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of
doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children
whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: May the God who sees us and loves us...

All: create with us, new ways of seeing the world;

One: and new ways of seeing all we meet;

**All: with open hearts ready to be transformed with love and
compassion.**

Music: "Wherever You May Go"

MV #216

Refrain:

*Wherever you may go, I will follow,
And your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
For I would be faithful, loyal and true.*

Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
We will travel side by side
And God's love will be our guide. **R**

From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
When you need me, I'll be there,
You can trust my faithful care. **R**

Benediction