

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, November 10, 2019, 9:00 am

Remembrance 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: On this Remembrance Sunday we gather to pray

All: for a world where no one will learn war anymore.

One: On this day when the guns once fell silent,

**All: we gather to pray for peace to reign in every heart,
home and nation.**

One: On this day of hope,

**All: we come before you, God, to remember all those who
gave their lives so we could be free.**

One: In this time of story, song, and prayer, help us to catch a
vision of how the world could live together.

**All: And so, let echo the old prayers, and make us followers
of Jesus.**

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: God, we know you take no joy in death.

All: We know you take no joy in our wars, in our battles, in our conflicts.

One: We know that your tears are for all your children, of every land and race, of every time and place.

All: We know that what you want for all creation is life—abundant life.

One: And so we ask for your wisdom.

All: We ask for your guidance.

One: We ask for your peace.

All: Your shalom. Your salaam.

One: We ask for your hands to guide your creation, for your love to sustain your creation,

All: and for your grace to surround your creation—now. Forever. Amen.

Basket of Blessings: (All)

God, sometimes your people are required to offer much, even their lives, in the service of justice and of freedom. We offer our gifts of time, talent, and money in service to justice and freedom. May real and lasting change start now, with us, through us, and with God's blessing. Amen.

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

Music: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU #400

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Sharing the Story: Luke 20:27-38

Meditation: **My Dog Knows**

Music: "My Soul Cries Out" MV #120

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.*

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past

To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn. **R**

Refrain:

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
Not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
Ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
For the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn. **R**

Though the nations rage from age to age,
We remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
Is the promise which holds us bound,
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
Who is turning the world around. **R**

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Having gathered, remembered, heard, given, and prayed,

All: we ask, Almighty God, for your blessing, and for your continual presence in our lives.

One: Remind us that no matter where we go, you are with us.

All: No matter how hardened the world becomes, all it takes is one ray of light for a new day to be upon us once again. Let us be that light.

Music: "For the Healing of the Nations"

MV #678
vss.1,2,4

For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that, by our response and service,
earth its destiny may find.

Benediction