

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, January 26, 2020, 9:00 am

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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: What is it we're looking for?

All: We come seeking real meaning in life.

One: Is it here that you expect to find it?

All: We expect to find it everywhere!

One: That's good – you've found it then?

All: Well, we find it when we truly seek.

One: Who are you to be seeking such meaning in life?

**All: We are God's beloved children, blessed by our brother,
Jesus.**

One: Well then, people of God, know that no matter who you are...

All: we can come seeking new life.

One: And no matter where you come from—

All: we are here seeking worship.

One: All are welcome here. Let us worship together.

Music: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

VU #563

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain:

*O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.*

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour. **R**

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. **R**

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. **R**

Opening Prayer:

One: God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes
stinging from the brightness of your glory.

**All: We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that
your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us.**

One: Open our eyes to the light of your dawn,

All: that our souls may be flooded with love, mercy and joy.

One: Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort, peace
and security, that we may find rest in your loving, protective
presence.

Basket of Blessings

Offertory Prayer:

With hearts of praise, O God, we dedicate to you these gifts from our lives and work. Use them, as you use us, to the fulfilling of your goal for creation, that we might give thanks to you not only in the hearing, but in the living out of your word.

Children's Time

Music:

“Simon, Simon, a Fisherman”

VU #597
vs 1,2,3,5

Simon, Simon, a fisherman was he,
Simon, Simon, lived beside the sea,
until the day when Jesus came
and calling Simon by his name, said
'Simon, Simon, follow, follow me.'

Simon's younger brother Andrew, loyal, brave and true,
Simon's younger brother Andrew followed Jesus too.
They left their ship beside the sea,
to follow and disciples be, when
Jesus calling them by name, said, 'Follow, follow me.'

Mary loved to listen, Martha liked to do.
Both were friends of Jesus, just like me and you.
No matter what our different ways
we all can help when Jesus says,
'Mary, Martha, follow, follow me.'

You can be like Dorcas, and follow Jesus too.
You can be like Andrew, friendly, brave and true.
Big and strong or small and shy,
we can follow if we try, when
Jesus calling us by name says, 'Follow, follow me.'

Sharing the Story: Matthew 4:12-23

Focus on the Word: Routine Faith

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.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: As we journey along the Epiphany road with Jesus,

All: may we reach out to each other in love and support.

One: As we join the disciples in our pledge to follow Jesus,

**All: may we find the grace of God in each person, each place,
and each moment of our lives.**

Music:

“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”

MV #212

Sent out in Jesus’ name,
Our hands are ready now
To make the world the place
In which the kingdom comes. (X2)

The angels cannot change
A world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love,
Of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do,
To set it really free.
O help us to obey,
And carry out your will.

Benediction