

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

**Order of Worship**

Sunday, February 2, 2020, 9:00 am

**4<sup>th</sup> 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: People of God, who do you come to worship?

**All: We come to worship God.**

One: How will you worship?

**All: With words, yes, and by living lives of justice and love.**

One: Come, you who belong to God.

**All: Come and abide in God's tent and in God's endless heart,  
now and forever.**

**Music:**

“Arise, Your Light is Come”

VU #79

Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God,  
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken-hearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.

### **Opening Prayer:**

One: Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence.

**All: Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people.**

One: Open our hearts to your spirit of truth...

**All: that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace.**

One: May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you.

**All: Amen.**

### **Basket of Blessings**

### **Children's Time**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Music:** "Come, Children, Join to Sing"

VU #345

Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!

Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!

Let all with heart and voice,

saved by God's gracious choice,

now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!  
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!  
Christ calls his people friends,  
the helpless he defends,  
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!

Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!  
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!  
The whole creation o'er  
let all God's love adore,  
singing for evermore: Hallelujah!

**Sharing the Story:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-21, 25-31

**Focus on the Word:** **A Foolish Faith**

**Music:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

VU #626

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

## **Prayer in Action**

**Music:** "Today We All Are Called to be Disciples"

VU #507

Today we all are called to be  
disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free,  
make ploughshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first,  
our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth  
ordained our human race  
to live as stewards of the earth,  
responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud,  
we sow not peace but strife,  
our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down  
as in a mighty stream,  
with righteousness in field and town  
to cleanse us and redeem.

For God is longing to restore  
an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for  
a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God  
act out the living Word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod  
till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be  
disciples of the Lord.

### **Affirmation:**

One: Go now to embrace the values of our faith...

**All: values of love, justice, and truth.**

One: Go now with God's blessing,

**All: to live those values through the love of our challenging,  
faithful, loving, inspiring God.**

### **Benediction**