

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 9:00 am

5th 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: We are here to be light.

All: Prisms for bringing out God's colours.

One: We are here to make God public.

All: Bearers of light to the world.

One: We are here to shine brightly.

All: Salt to bring out God's flavours.

One: With our hearts, our minds and our senses...

All: let us worship together.

Music: "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" MV #138

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking
from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

Opening Prayer:

One: Holy God, we gather now,
All: to sing your praise and hear your word.
One: Speak to us now,
All: that we may be wise enough to perceive your call.
One: Strengthen us now,
All: that we may be brave enough to answer "Yes!"
One: Guide us now,
All: that we may follow where you would have us go.
One: This we pray now,
All: through the inspiration and joy found in Jesus. Amen.

Basket of Blessings

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

Music: "We are Marching in the Light of God" VU #646 x2

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Sharing the Story: Matthew 5:13–20

Focus on the Word: **We are Salt**

Music: "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours" MV #171

Refrain:

*Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands but yours.
Here on this earth,
Yours is the work,
To serve with the joy of compassion.*

No hands but yours
To heal the wounded world,
No hands but yours
To soothe all its suffering,
No touch but yours
to bind the broken hope
Of the people of God. **R**

Refrain:

*Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands but yours.
Here on this earth,
Yours is the work,
To serve with the joy of compassion.*

No eyes but yours
To see as Christ would see,
To find the lost,
To gaze with compassion;
No eyes but yours
To glimpse the holy joy
Of the city of God. **R**

No feet but yours
To journey with the poor,
To walk this world
With mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps
To build a lasting peace
For the children of God. **R**

Through ev'ry gift,
Give back to those in need:
As Christ has blessed,
So now be his blessing,
With ev'ry gift
A benediction,
Be to the people of God. **R**

Refrain:

*Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands but yours.
Here on this earth,
Yours is the work,
To serve with the joy of compassion.*

Prayer in Action

Music: "Will You Come and See the Light" VU #96

Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed
there's a longing to be freed;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised,
and the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least
are the foremost at the feast,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about
is too dim to put it out:
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Affirmation:

One: We are the salt of the earth...

All: we are called to enhance, sooth, and preserve.

One: We are the salt of the earth.

All: The lives of all people are precious and treasured.

One: Go out as the salt of the earth...

**All: living into the precious fullness of what we already are –
loved, cherished, and serving all of God's creation.**

Benediction