

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, February 16, 2020, 9:00 am

6th 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 a world we live in.

All: But was the world of Jesus any different?

One: Rules and laws broken, ignored.

All: A world broken and hurting in need of reconciliation.

One: People may say the Bible has little to offer this age.

All: Can this be true?

One: Come, let us open our eyes to peek inside and see what the bible can and does say to us in this place, in this time.

Music: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU #371

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free. **R**

Refrain:

*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear. **R**

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share. **R**

Opening Prayer:

One: Come, Holy One:

**All: teach us your ways, lead us in your paths, guide us on
our journey.**

One: Speak to us your words of life,

**All: for you offer us direction and wholeness when we hear
your voice and follow.**

One: You bless us with your love,

All: shower us with your grace, and help us grow in faith.

One: We seek you, O God, with all our hearts.

All: Be near us this day. Amen.

Basket of Blessings

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

Music:**“Jesus Christ is Waiting”**

VU #117

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

Sharing the Story:

Matthew 5:21–37

Focus on the Word:**Fake News!**

Music:

"I Am a Child of God"

MV #157

I am a child of God,
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God,
I am a child of God.

I am an endless prayer,
I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer,
I am an endless prayer.

I am an angry voice,
I am compassion and consternation,
I am an angry voice,
I am an angry voice.

I am a cry for peace,
I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace,
I am a cry for peace.

I am a song of joy,
I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy,
I am a song of joy.

Prayer in Action**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**

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.*

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**

Affirmation:

One: Go forth to walk in God's ways.

All: May our ways be blameless.

One: Hold fast to God in all you do.

All: Our hearts belong to God.

One: May the love of God be yours.

All: God's blessings rest upon us.

Benediction