

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, February 23, 2020, 9:00 am

Transfiguration 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: Be still, for the presence of the Holy One is here.

All: We come together and find that this is holy ground.

One: Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

All: We stand on this holy ground, renewed by awe.

One: Be still, for surely God is moving in this place.

**All: We stand on this holy ground, waiting, listening,
watching, hoping.**

One: Be still and know that God is here. Come, let us worship.

Music:

“Let's Build a House”

MV #1

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R**

Let us build a house where love is found,
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us; **R**

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear
the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **R**

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed

as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **R**

Refrain:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Opening Prayer:

One: Holy One, Light of light, God of all creation,

**All: long ago you came to the disciples in the brilliance of
Jesus' mountaintop gathering...**

One: his face glowing like the sun off the bay on a bright, spring
morning.

All: Shine in us, around us, and through us,

One: that the world may see your divine aura in the faces of your
people...

All: faces transfigured in the light of your love. Amen.

Basket of Blessings

Children's Time: Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

The Lord's Prayer

Music: "I Can Feel You Near Me God"

MV #48

I can feel you near me God

I can feel you near

Yes I know you're with me God

I feel you here

I can feel you near me God

I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God
Heaven is here.

Refrain:

*And I'll jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy
I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.*

I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
Always everywhere
I can feel you loving me
Yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me
I know you're there. **R**

Sharing the Story: Matthew 17:1-9

Focus on the Word: **It's Good to be Here**

Music: "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

VU #103

How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here,
your beauty to behold,

where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past
and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified,
and our redemption see!

Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come:
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home!

How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but, since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

Prayer in Action

Music: "Water Flowing from the Mountains" MV #87

Water flowing from the mountains.
Water flowing o'er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.

Refrain:

*Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings, and living water brings
The love that makes our spirit grow.*

Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free. **R**

Refrain:

Drink deep this source of life.

Drink deep and know.

For living water sings, and living water brings

The love that makes our spirit grow.

Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water for each one. **R**

Affirmation:

One: Come down from the mountain with mountain-like faith.

All: We will walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights,

One: to live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love.

All: Let us go to the world transformed and renewed!

Benediction