

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, March 8, 2020, 9:00 am

2nd Sunday in Lent

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 gift, that in worship we draw so near to the presence of Christ.

All: That presence is alive in our very hands and hearts.

One: What a joy, that in this worship and praise, we have such visible reminders of God:

All: in Scripture, in songs of faith, in the beauty of God's people together.

One: What a strength, that in this place our faith finds a home:

All: where God befriends us, and where we befriend one another.

One: So for these reasons, and many more, we give God thanks and praise!

All: Come, let us worship God!

Music:

There's a Spirit in the Air"

VU #582
Vs. 1,2,3,5,6

There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.'

Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world

May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay,
live tomorrow's life today.

Opening Prayer:

One: God of smooth road, God of the rough places,

All: God of the wilderness paths, thank you.

One: Thank you for calling us out when we want to wrap
ourselves up and hide.

All: Thank you for giving us safe space when everything is just too much.

One: Thank you for blessing all creation with your presence, and with your love.

All: Open our hearts, we pray—open our minds— open our souls and, by your grace, fill them with your abundant love;

One: not only so that we would be changed, not only so that we would be blessed,

All: but so that we can be a people of blessed transformation in your world. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Basket of Blessings:

God of all creation, we know that all that we have, all that we are, is blessed and blessing. In this sharing, we add our blessing to yours. May all of these blessings bring hope and healing to your world. Amen.

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer

Music: "Jesus, Friend of Little Children" VU #340

Jesus, friend of little children,
let me be one too;
take my hand, and ever keep me
close to you.

Teach me how to grow in goodness,
daily as I grow.
You have been a child, and surely
you must know.

Never leave me, nor forsake me;
ever be my friend;
for I need you, from life's dawning
to its end.

Sharing the Story: John 3:1-17

Focus on the Word: **The Wind Blows Where It Chooses**

Music: "Come to My Heart" VU #661

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.

Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Prayer in Action

Music:

“Go to the World!”

VU #420

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Affirmation and Benediction:

One: Blessed and blessing, loving and loved, God's people,
Orchard Valley United, go from this place!

All: We're ready!

One: To times of work, to times of play, to times of busy-ness, to times away, God's people of Orchard Valley United, go to the world!

All: We're set!

One: To speak and to listen, to sing and to pray, to be a blessing each and every day. God's people of Orchard Valley United, go and be stewards of the faith, Jesus' people on the Way.

All: We go, knowing we are never alone! Carried by the wings of the Holy Spirit, moving forward with Christ's peace, enfolded in the Creator's love, we go! Amen. Amen! AMEN!