

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 24, 2021, 10:00 am

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles**

* **Hymn:** “Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary” MV #18
 Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
 pure and holy tried and true;
 with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living
 sanctuary for you.

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace that Christ gives be with you.
And also with you!

*** Call to Worship:**

It is good for us to gather together.

We heard God calling.

God called and I could not be any other place.

We dropped what we were doing and we followed.

Yes, we left behind the things that held us back.

And it is at the lakeshore that we meet Jesus once again.

And from the lakeshore we begin our worship today.

*** Hymn:** "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU #563

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain:

*O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.*

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
– you will find there my nets and labour. **R**

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. **R**

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. **R**

*** Opening Prayer**

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Psalm 62:5–12
Mark 1:14–20

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Grace"
Offered by Nancy Handrigan and Ken Hassell

Sermon: **The Sparse Room**

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Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:**

“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**

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**

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said...

AMEN!

Music as We Depart