

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 31, 2021, 10:00 am

4th Sunday after Epiphany

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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

*** Hymn:** "And on This Path" MV #8, v1

And on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide, (3X)
Open wide! (3X)
The gates are open wide!

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's good to be together here today with Jesus our teacher.
Ready to listen to one another...
and grow in understanding.

Ready to engage with one another...
and grow in compassion.

Ready to open our hearts to one another...
and grow in faith as we engage in worship now.

*** Hymn:**

“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.

*** Opening Prayer**

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 8:1–8a
Mark 1:21–28

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

Special Music: “Everyday Miracles”
Offered by Cynthia Bruce, Thea Burton, Betty Rockwell
Violinist: Nancy Handrigan

Sermon: **The Teacher**

*** Hymn:** “And on This Path” MV #8, v2
So enter in,
the gates of holiness are open wide, (3X)
Open wide! (3X)
The gates are open wide!

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:**

“Are You a Shepherd”

MV #126

Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger, while calming our fears?
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

Refrain:

*Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.
Holy and living, loving and giving,
God, you are with us wherever we go.*

Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,
challenging students to offer their best? **R**

Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,
lead all you children in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.
We want to love you and bring you delight. **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