

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, February 6, 2022, 10:00 am

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Music as We Gather**

**Gathering**

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

**Introit:** "And on This Path" MV #8

And on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gate are open wide!

So enter in  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
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the gates of holiness are open wide,  
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the gates of holiness are open wide,  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gate are open wide!

## **Recognition of the Land**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship:**

God has called and we have come to listen and pray.

**Jesus called and we come to serve.**

The Spirit called and we come to rejoice.

**We're called together to walk in faith.**

And sharing the good news generously.

**Hallelujah!**

### **Hymn:**

"We Praise You, O God"

VU #218

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,  
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Listening**

## **Minute for Mission**

### **Children's Time / Time for all Ages**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** "Spirit, Open My Heart"

MV #79

*Refrain:*

*Spirit, open my heart  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender. R

Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory. R

May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another. R

**Scriptures:** Isaiah 6:4-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

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

**Special Music:      Saviour, God Above**  
*Offered by Thea Koenig Burton*

**Sermon:            Here I Am, Send Me**

**Hymn:** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” VU #509

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

## Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? R

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? R

## **Celebrating**

### **Prayers of the People:**

**Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

VU #567

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

**Commissioning:**

We've all got a call of our own.  
Let it change you in amazing ways,  
and guide you in new directions,  
with God's love, Jesus wisdom,  
and the Spirit's strength,  
this day, and always.

**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!**