

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 13, 2022, 10:00 am

Black History Month

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Introit: "There is Room for All" MV #62 x 2

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;

There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock,
in whom I trust."

There is room for all, there is room for all!

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

We come to worship today determined to follow Christ...

who calls us to a new understanding of fishing.

We come to worship with open hearts and minds...

and a soul ablaze for justice and equality.

We come to meet God and each other.

Let us worship in love and understanding.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: "A Light Is Gleaming"

VU #82

Refrain:

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.

- 1 When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. R
- 2 When night is round us and every shadow grows,
a star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
'God's light will ever stay.' R
- 3 And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
and this will be a sign: R

4 So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here a sparkle and ablaze,
warming all our days. R

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Spirit of Life" VU #381

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Scriptures: Luke 24:28-35
Luke 5:1-11

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: Thank You, God, For Loving Me
*Offered by Cynthia Bruce, Nancy Handrigan,
 and Mindy Vinqvist Tymchuk*

Sermon: Burning and Yearning *offered by Rev Don*
Eternal Flame *offered by Charmain Bailey*

Hymn: "Called By Earth and Sky"

MV #135

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas
deep ocean's dream, waters of healing,
rivers of rain, the wash of love again. R

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
Wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,
Blow through this place, our gathering and our grace. R

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land. Seeds of our wakening,
rooted and strong, creation's faithful song. R

Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day. Fire of passion,
sorrows undone, our faith and justice one. R

Celebrating

Prayers of the People:

Hymn: “We Shall Go Out in Hope of Resurrection” VU #586

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Commissioning and Benediction:

Go now, to seek a place in a Beloved Community,
where all people are known and acknowledged,
where partners and allies can be found,
where all people work toward love, fairness, and
understanding.

Go with the hope of Jesus, and Martin Luther King,
that this community is possible and all it needs is you.
Go with celebration in your hearts for Black peoples.
Go now in peace.

Hallelujah and Amen.