

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 27th, 2022, 10:00 am

Transfiguration Sunday

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Introit: “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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

We journey up and experience God in our hearts.

Help us to witness the Spirit encouraging us.

We arrive with the Holy Spirit inspiring us.

Let the trust of Christ work within us.

We leave for the valley to be Jesus' hands and feet.

With God found in Jesus and infused through the Spirit, let us worship.

AMEN.

Hymn: "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" VU #103 vs.1,2,5

How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here,
your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.

How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but, since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

Opening Prayer

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

VU #375

Refrain:

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings. **R**

You swept thro' the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets
to open their eyes. **R**

You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;

and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. **R**

You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions
your people arise. **R**

Scriptures: Exodus 34:29-35
Luke 9:28-43a

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

Special Music: **Divertimento**
Offered by Nancy Handrigan

Sermon: **Down in the Valley**

Hymn: "Oh a Song Must Rise" MV #142

Refrain:
*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
(descend).*

From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R

From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again. (again)
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R

From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

Hymn: "May the God of Hope Go with Us" VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

*Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. 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!**