

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 5, 2017 – 11:00 am

### Epiphany 5

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles

\* **Introit (All):** "Spirit of Life" VU #381

\* **Call to Worship:**

One: In a society that lives in the shadowed recesses of doubt and fear,

**All: God calls us to be light.**

One: In a world where every greed is fed until there is no taste to life,

**All: God calls us to be salt.**

One: In a time when loyalties are discarded as easily as the clothes we wear,

**All: God calls us to be faithful.**

\* **Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" VU #232

**Prayer of Invocation: Creator of the day, you rise before dawn calling for the poor to be fed, parched hearts watered with joy and grace, and to patch the potholes poverty has made in the streets of your realm. Voice of fulfillment, you proclaim the mysteries of grace, in weakness, which gives strength to the weary; in compassion, which offers a home to the homeless; in love, for each one of your children. You speak softly, Revealer of wonders, using the alphabet blocks of grace and hope, so all can know the hidden heart of God; so all may know the words to proclaim the Light who has come**

into the world. Holy One, be with us as we gather in this sacred space. Amen.

#### Listening

Minute for Mission

**Children's Hymn:** "Jesus Saw Them Fishing" MV #113

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 112 VU p. 834  
Matthew 5:13-16

**Anthem:** "Holy Lord, We Glorify Thy Name"

**Sermon:** **Let It Shine!**

**Hymn:** "Jesus Bids Us Shine" VU #585

#### Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

\* **Offertory:** "Grant Us, God, the Grace" VU #540

**Prayer of Dedication: There are those who live in the shadows of life, Loving God, we pray these gifts might illuminate a way to hope. There are those whose lives have lost all flavour, because of poverty, or illness, or despair, so we pray that what we offer may bring life back to them. Use our gifts, as well as us in your realm, which is all around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

\* **Hymn of Dismissal:** "Go Make a Difference" MV #209

\* **Commissioning:**

One: Jesus declares that we are salt to the world,

**All: so let us go to bring justice, hope, and grace to all.**

One: Jesus declares that we are light to those around us,

**All: so may we go to shine on the brokenness around.**

One: We are called to be a community for all,

**All: so let us go to embrace our sisters and brothers.**

One: Amen. **All: Amen.**

\* **Choral Closing: (All)** VU p. 961

Music as We Depart