

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 5, 2017 – 11:00 am

Lent 1

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles

* **Introit (All):** “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” VU #374, v1

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Jesus said, “I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink.”

All: Let us act justly.

One: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing.”

All: Let us love tenderly.

One: “I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

All: Let us walk humbly with our God.

One: May we see Christ in one another,

All: That we may be healers and peacemakers in Christ’s name.

Opening Prayer:

Love eternal, we come today to celebrate the special feelings we have for this community. We come to open ourselves to the memories and joys of the past and to connect with the saints who have gone on before us. In this time of worship, may we find the source of mystery that makes this community special. Amen.

* **Hymn:** “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” VU #312

Listening

Children’s Hymn: “Jesus Laughed Out Loud” MV #133

Children’s Focus

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Readings: Matthew 25:31-45

Anthem: “Ubi Caritas”

Sermon: How’s Business?

Hymn: “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” VU #578

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

* **Offertory:** “Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands” VU #537, v1

Offertory Prayer:

All that we have, all that we are, all that we have been, all that we will be is yours, Creating God. Create with our gifts a new thing, we pray – a new hope, a new vision, a new dream – through Jesus, our Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Commissioning:**

One: May the words of our mouths proclaim God’s love. May the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

All: We leave here as praying, witnessing people. We greet this week with anticipation.

One: God’s Spirit goes with us on our journey. We are anointed for the sharing of good news.

All: Our words and deeds will give comfort and joy. What we do and say will change the world.

One: Let’s sing together our last hymn: Go Make a Difference!

* **Hymn of Dismissal:** “Go Make a Difference!” MV #209

* **Choral Closing: (All)** “Go, Now, In Peace”

Music as We Depart