

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 26, 2017 – 11:00 am

### Lent 4

**\* 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**

**\* Call to Worship:**

One: Woman at the well, pulling up your water, searching to quench your thirst.

**All: I am that person.**

One: Woman at the well, surprised by the voice of the One, the stranger who knows you well.

**All: I am that person.**

One: Woman at the well, drink deep of the Living Water, share it with your world.

**All: I am that person. Open to the possibility, the hope, that my meeting God would change the world.**

One: Diving deep into the Spirit, speaking frankly with the Christ, offered new life by our Creator...

**All: We Worship God.**

**Hymn:** "Let All Things Now Living" VU #242

**Prayer of Confession:**

**When we quarrel, hear us, O God. When our faith in you is thin, and we turn on each other, we thirst for unity. Forgive our words that hurt, and may we drink again from the water of life. (water is poured)**

**In our prejudice, hear us, O God. When our insecurities bring on a fear of others, we thirst for trust. Forgive our narrowness of grace, and may we drink again from the water of life. (water is poured)**

**In our hurt of others, hear us, O God. When we sum people up on hearsay rather than meet them in their living, we thirst for honesty. Forgive the gossip we believe, and may we drink from the water of life. (water is poured)**

One: Hear these words from our Creator God: I am the water of life, come to me all who are thirsty and you will drink of the living waters and never be thirsty again.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Anthem:** "Great Gettin Up Mornin"

### Listening

**Hymn:** "Jesus Laughed Out Loud" MV #133

**Children's Focus**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Reading:** John 4:5-42

**Anthem:** "The Water is Wide"

**Sermon:** **Encounters on the Road to the Cross:  
The Samaritan Woman**

**Hymn:** "Fill My Cup, Lord"

***Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more;  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.***

### Celebrating

**Offering of Our Gifts**

**\* Offertory:** "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands" VU #537, v1

**Offertory Prayer:**

**We offer these gifts in gratitude for the living water that brings us love, hope and joy. May these, in some small way,**

**communicate your love with those around us and around the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Anthem:** "A Canadian Folk Medley"

**Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn of Dismissal:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" VU #626

**\* Commissioning:**

One: Reconciled and restored to God, go out into the world in peace.

**All: We go to share the living water that God gives us so freely, and, in so doing, to restore others to hope and life.**

One: Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**\* Choral Closing: (All)** "Go, Now, In Peace"

**Music as We Depart**