

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 2, 2017 – 11:00 am

### Lent 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): “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” VU #374, v1

\* Call to Worship:

One: God of the past, God of our memories,

All: **We are here to thank you.**

One: God of the future, God of our dreams,

All: **We are here to trust you.**

One: God of the present, God of our salvation,

All: **We are here to praise you.**

One: You put songs on our lips and make us your people.

All: **You do great things for us and we are glad.**

Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” VU #651

Prayer of Confession:

God, you have called us to be pilgrims. Forgive us when we weary of the journey and seek security rather than the open road. Forgive us when we feel the risk of the journey is too

great. Grant us pilgrim spirits in this Lenten season and lead us to the new life of Easter. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

On the journey of Lent we seek a spirit of discernment and wisdom. On the journey of Lent we move toward relationship with God. Follow Jesus and know new life. Seek the Spirit and know new insight. Move toward God and know grace. You are forgiven.

### Listening

Minute for Mission

Hymn: “Walk With Me” VU #649

Children’s Focus

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:20-28

Anthem: “Order My Steps”

Sermon: **Encounters on the Road to the Cross:  
Mrs. Zebedee**

Hymn: “Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” VU #563

### Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

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

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, bless and transform all that we offer: our faltering steps, our brokenness, our hope, our risking, our hearts, that we may be a blessed and transformed people. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

\* Hymn of Dismissal: “I, The Lord of Sea and Sky” VU #509

**\* Commissioning:**

One: God on the road, God in the wilderness,

**All: God making all things new.**

One: God in our tears, God in our laughter,

**All: God making all things new.**

One: God in our living, God in our dying,

**All: God making all things new.**

One: Amen.

**All: Amen.**

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

**Music as We Depart**