

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 4, 2018, 11:00 am

Lent 3

* 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:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" VU #374, v1

* **Call to Worship:**

One: We have gathered to worship God.

All: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community and insight.

One: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.

* **Hymn:** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" VU #325

Prayer of Confession:

One: It's the third Sunday of Lent, God, your time to help us get ready for Holy Week and Easter. We think of those who turned away from Jesus during his earthly ministry.

All: And we remember that we, too, turn away.

One: We will never understand Judas' betrayal. All we know is that Judas thought that his agenda was more important than Jesus.

All: We too are often unwilling to put our agenda and priorities ahead of the Light of the World.

One: We extinguish the third candle, recalling with regret the times we have betrayed Jesus by the darkness of our own self-centered willfulness.

Assurance of Pardon:

One: As the shadows gather, God has good news for each one. "You are loved. You are forgiven." God is good.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem: "Borning Cry"

Listening

Minute for Mission

Hymn: "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" VU #299

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:11-18

Anthem: "Precious Lord"

Sermon: Life's Little Red Warning Lights

* **Hymn:** "I See A New Heaven" VU #713

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

* **Offertory:** "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" VU #544

* **Offertory Prayer:**

**Caring God, may we offer not only our material gifts,
but our whole selves to you, and to all those who need
our support in the quest for justice. We ask this in the
name of Jesus Christ, our Liberator. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" VU #512

* **Commissioning:**

One: We go from this place secure in God's love.

**All: Ready to feed the hungry, ready to comfort those
who mourn, ready to welcome the stranger, ready
to free the imprisoned, ready to find the lost, ready
to see Christ in our sisters and brothers.**

One: God goes with you! Amen!

* **Choral Response:** "Simeon's Blessing"

Music as We Depart