

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 18, 2018, 10:00 am

### Lent 5

\* 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: God has called us to this place

**All: to worship and rejoice.**

One: God has called us to this place

**All: to learn and know.**

One: God has called us to this place

**All: to be formed and grow.**

One: Let us worship God;

**All: with all our hearts, minds, and souls we come to worship our God.**

\* **Hymn:** "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

**Prayer of Confession:**

One: It's the fifth 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: The Pharisees fancied themselves as modern, up-to-date thinkers. But they so enjoyed the power they possessed, they were unable to recognize the power of God in Jesus.

**All: We too are people of power. We each consume ten times more of earth's resources than do other global citizens. Our power often blinds us to the simple power of Jesus' love for all creation and all people.**

One: We extinguish the fifth candle, fearful that our own powerful status will close our eyes and hearts to the light of Jesus.

**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.**

### Listening

**Hymn:** "I Saw the Rich Ones" MV #127

**Children's Focus**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:25-35

**Anthem:** "Unspoken Prayer"

**Sermon:** **Not Quite Perfect.... Yet!**

\* **Hymn:** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" VU #382

## Celebrating

### Offering of Our Gifts

\* **Offertory:** “In Gratitude and Humble Trust” VU #544

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**You have written your promises on our hearts, faithful God. As we learn your words of love for us, may we continue to give our whole selves to serving you. Bless what we offer today – gifts of our lives and our labour. We pray this through Jesus, who gave his very self for us. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

\* **Hymn:** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” VU #481

\* **Transition Prayer:**

One: Now, O God, we turn from the business of worship to the business of our Annual Congregational Meeting.

**All: Help us to remember, God, that you’re staying for the meeting too.**

One: Give us wisdom in our speaking, attentiveness in our listening, and sound judgement in our decision making.

**All: Keep us thankful for your presence, and for our life together. These things we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Choral Response:** “Simeon’s Blessing”

### Music as We Depart