

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 12, 2017 – 11:00 am

### Lent 2

**\* Please rise in body and/or spirit**

Music as We Gather

### Gathering

**\* Leaders 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: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

**All: We will sing the glory of God’s name. We will give God our praise.**

One: Come and listen.

**All: And we will tell you what God has done!**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Our Holy God, we join in the circle and offer our praise. We pause in the quiet and open our hearts in prayer. We fill the air with our songs and proclaim our joy in your gifts. Hear the words we speak: words of hope and wonder. Hear the prayers we offer: prayers of thanks and praise. Hear the songs we sing: songs that speak of the life we have found in Christ. Amen.**

**\* Hymn:** “Make a Joyful Noise!” VU #820

**Prayer of Confession:**

One: In a world full of noise, teach us, God, to speak words that matter.

**All: Forgive us when we fill the air with empty words.**

One: In a world full of silence, teach us, God, to speak words that build relationships.

**All: Forgive us for the times we do not try to break down walls.**

One: In a world full of pain, teach us, God, to speak words that bring healing.

**All: Forgive us when we don’t get it right.**

One: In a world full of laughter, teach us, God, to share our joy.

**All: Forgive us when we forget to laugh out loud.**

One: In a world filled with pain and sorrow, teach us, God, to share a presence that is nurturing.

**All: Forgive us when we are too afraid to share our tears.**

One: God, hear our prayers. Speak to our hearts. Teach us to say the right words, even in moments of quiet....

*(Time of silence)*

We offer up to you, God, all of these prayers. In your love, answer.

**All: Amen.**

**Sung Response:** “Come to My Heart” VU #661, vs 1

**Words of Assurance:**

One: Good News! Make a joyful noise all the earth! God hears our prayers and offers forgiveness as a blessing. With certainty, we can proclaim that we are forgiven, loved, and called to share our joy. Thanks be to God!

**Hymn:** “Jesus Laughed Out Loud” MV #133

### Listening

**Children’s Focus**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 98, VU p.818  
Luke 19:37-40

**Anthem:** “God of Heaven”

**Meditation:** **Telling Stories About  
What Makes a Difference**

**Hymn:** “Draw the Circle Wide” MV #145

## **Celebrating**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

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

### **Offertory Prayer:**

**Holy God, we offer you our prayers and dreams for a world of your longing. Holy God, we offer you our gifts and talents for a world of your making. Use our voices, our living, and our witness so that others may hear the good news that you have given us to share. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

\* **Hymn of Dismissal:** “As a Fire is Meant for Burning” VU #578

### **\* Commissioning:**

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

**All: Singing and celebrating, speaking and listening, working and praying, we offer our hearts to the One who is our life. We go from this time, to share good news. We will be a thankful people. We will act in response to our faith. We will make a joyful noise to God!**

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

### **Music as We Depart**

*The worship material this morning is taken from “Make Some Noise”  
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