

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 10, 2019, 11:00 am

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* Clergy & Choir Enter

\* **Introit:** "Come, We That Love the Lord" VU #715, v1

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Welcome and Announcements

\* **Call to Worship:**

One: Today, we begin our journey of Lent – a journey of following Jesus into the desert, and onto Jerusalem.

All: **We join in remembering the struggle of Jesus, who stood up for love, even when it meant persecution and death.**

One: We join in remembering the challenges of the Israelites as they journeyed away from slavery, through the desert, toward a new beginning.

All: **We join in a journey together toward justice, wholeness, and peace.**

One: Come, friends and loved ones, let us welcome this season and this journey as we take our first steps together in this Lenten worship.

\* **Lenten Candle Journey** (from *Gathering*)

\* **Hymn:** "Forty Days and Forty Nights" VU #114

\* **Opening Prayer:**

One: In the quiet of this moment, in the stillness of this place,

All: **draw near to us, O God.**

One: As we seek the shelter of your refuge,

All: **draw near to us, O God.**

One: as we celebrate the bounty of your provision,

All: **listen to our need, O God.**

One: Transform this time and place

All: **into a land where you are among us,**

One: a land where, through Jesus, you are our guide.

All: **Amen.**

#### Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story" VU #343

**Scripture Readings:** Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** "Walk Humbly"

**Sermon:** Into the Wilderness

\* **Hymn:** "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert" VU #115

#### Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

\* **Offertory:** "God of All Good" VU #539, v3

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**We bring these gifts to you, O God, in recognition and gratitude for your loving provision. Through us, may your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. This we pray in the name of the One who came in holy love, that we might have abundant life. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

\* **Hymn:** “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy” VU #271

### \* **Commissioning:**

One: Let's go forth with a spirit that notices the best in people,

**All: a heart that forgives the worst,**

One: a mind that forgets the bad,

**All: and a soul that never loses faith in God.**

### \* **Benediction**

**Choral Blessing:** “Simeon's Blessing”

## Music as We Depart

### **LENTEN CHALLENGE WEEK 1**

This week, your challenge is to do an act of generosity. You might buy a coffee for someone behind you in the coffee shop lineup, or give supplies to a local shelter, or donate to a charity.

Who knows what you will come up with?

This week, find some act of generosity that is outside of what you usually do.