

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 31, 2019, 11:00 am

4th Sunday of Lent / Camping Sunday

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Hymn Sing

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

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

* **Lenten Candle Journey**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* **Hymn:** "It Only Takes a Spark" VU #289

* **Call to Worship:**

One: Kids deserve to have a place that they can belong.

All: Camp is that place.

One: Kids deserve a place where they can learn new skills.

All: Camp is that place.

One: Kids need time to unplug from technology.

All: Camp is that place.

One: Kids deserve a place where they can play until they can't.

All: Camp is that place.

One: Kids deserve to have young people to look up to.

All: Camp is that place.

One: Kids deserve a place where they can learn about faith and experience the Holy Spirit in the embrace of mother nature.

All: And camp is that place to learn, grow, experience, unplug, and be loved. Camp is needed more now than ever.

* **Hymn:** "Where Two or Three Gathered" MV #14

* **Opening Prayer:**

Creator God, we hear your wilderness cry from the depth of our souls and long to answer. We seek you out in the silence and beauty of nature, in the sound of the birds, the rustling trees, the lapping water, and the crunching of branches. Our eyes and ears are opened to your presence in the newness of day, the brisk air, and the colours of the sunrise. Be with us in this time of storytelling and memories, guiding us along the forest's edge into oneness with you.

Listening

Minute for Mission: Sherbrooke Lake Video

Children's Focus: Let's Make It Rain

* **Hymn:** "This is the Day" VU #412

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:13-16

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "If You Love Me"

Sermon: Camping. The Ministry of Building Leaders

* **Hymn:** "I've got Peace like a River" VU #577

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

*** Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

*** Commissioning**

One: Go out into the world,

All: searching for all who are lost.

One: As we reach out with open hands and open hearts,

All: let our ministry be shaped always by God's love.

*** Benediction**

Choral Blessing: "Day is Done"

Music as We Depart

LENTEN CHALLENGE WEEK 4

This week's challenge may be harder than last weeks! Your challenge is to make a point of sharing your faith with someone else. You might invite someone to come to our church next Sunday or some Sunday in the near future. Offer them a ride so they can come with you. You might tell someone that you are praying for them or ask them if it is okay if you pray for them. If they are struggling, would a prayer shawl make a difference to them, and explain how it can remind them of God's presence. Share with friends, family, or a stranger. You may be surprised by how much they appreciate knowing that you are someone who believes that faith can make a difference in our lives. So, that is your challenge for the coming week. I would love to hear how it goes!