

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 7, 2019, 11:00 am

### 5<sup>th</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: The days ahead are dark and full of foreboding.

**All: We watch as Jesus journeys to the cross.**

One: There is no way to change what is to come.

**All: Yet death does not have the final word.**

One: God promises, "I am about to do a new thing."

**All: We wait in hope.**

One: God is faithful.

**All: Our tears will turn to shouts of joy.**

\* **Hymn:** "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" VU #108 vs 1-4

\* Lenten Candle Journey

\* Opening Prayer:

One: God of love, you have loved us first and continue to love us without restrain.

**All: We come this morning longing to love you in return.**

One: As your beloved children,

**All: strengthen us on our journeys.**

One: Through our time of worship and our companionship with one another,

**All: teach us to recognize Christ in everyone we meet.**

One: Help us offer holy hospitality wherever it is needed,

**All: and free us from our fears, that we may be a blessing for others. Amen.**

#### Listening

Minute for Mission: Eastern Star

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn:** "Jesus' Hands were Kind Hands" VU #570

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 43:16-21  
John 12:1-8

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** "There is a Balm in Gilead"  
Orchard Valley Chimes

**Sermon:** Crazy for Love

\* **Hymn:** "Said Judas to Mary" VU #129 vs. 1,2,4,5

#### Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

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

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

**We bring our gifts to you and offer them as symbol of giving and service. We seek to share the story of love that fulfills and conquers death. Bless these gifts and all who give; use our means, our time, our abilities for the good of all your people. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

\* **Hymn:** "Jesus Christ is Waiting" VU #117

\* **Commissioning:**

One: Let us go from this place as a new creation,

**All: crafted by the word and conformed to the life of  
Jesus Christ,**

One: so that all who meet us may see and know him in us,

**All: and come to love him through us. Amen.**

\* **Benediction**

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

## Music as We Depart

### LENTEN CHALLENGE WEEK 5

I'll ease up a bit this week. Your challenge is to reach out to someone who is lonely. Make a point of either visiting, calling, or writing a letter to someone who you know is feeling lonely or alone. Try to reach out to someone you aren't usually in the habit of reaching out to. It can be someone you know from the community, a family member, or a stranger. You could go to a nursing home and offer to spend time with someone who needs a visit or drop off some encouraging notes for the residents there. So, this is your challenge for the coming week.