

**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**  
**130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7**

**Order of Worship**

Sunday, April 7, 2019, 9:00 am

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Music as We Gather**

**Welcome & News of the Community**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

**Gathering Words:**

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.

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

Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope till Easter Day.

The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,  
who found in weakness greater power,  
embraces us, though lost and flawed,  
and leads us to his Rising Hour.

We bear the silence, cross and pain  
of human burdens, human strife,  
while sisters, brothers help sustain  
our courage till the Feast of Life.

And though the road is hard and steep,  
the Spirit ever calls us on through  
Calvary's dying, dark and deep,  
until we see the coming Dawn.

### **Opening Prayer:**

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

**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.**

### **Basket of Blessings**

### **Children's Time**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Music:**

“Jesus' Hands were Kind Hands”

VU #570

Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness,  
blessing children small,  
washing tired feet, and  
saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all.

Take my hands, O Jesus,  
let them work for you,  
make them strong and gentle,  
kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus,  
till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands,  
quick to work for you.

**Sharing the Story:**

John 12:1-8

**Focus on the Word:****Crazy for Love****Music:**

“Said Judas to Mary”

VU #129  
vs. 1,2,4,5

Said Judas to Mary, 'Now what will you do  
with your ointment so rich and so rare?'  
'I'll pour it all over the feet of the Lord  
and I'll wipe it away with my hair,' she said,  
'wipe it away with my hair.'

'Oh Mary, oh Mary, oh think of the poor -  
this ointment, it could have been sold,  
and think of the blankets and think of the bread  
you could buy with the silver and gold,' he said,  
'buy with the silver and gold.'

Said Jesus to Mary, 'Your love is so deep,  
today you may do as you will.  
Tomorrow you say I am going away,  
but my body I leave with you still,' he said,  
'my body I leave with you still.'

'The poor of the world are my body,' he said,  
'to the end of the world they shall be;  
the bread and the blankets you give to the poor  
you'll know, you have given to me,' he said,  
'you'll know you have given to me.'

## **Prayer in Action**

### **Affirmation:**

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.**

### **Music:**

“Wherever You May Go”

MV #216

### **Refrain:**

*Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
And your people shall be my people too.  
Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
For I would be faithful, loyal and true.*

Say the word and I will stay,  
I will never go away,  
We will travel side by side  
And God's love will be our guide. **R**

**Refrain:**

*Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
And your people shall be my people too.  
Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
For I would be faithful, loyal and true.*

From beginning to the end  
I will always be your friend,  
When you need me, I'll be there,  
You can trust my faithful care. **R**

**Benediction**