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ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 15, 2020, 11:00 am

3rd Sunday in Lent

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

* Lighting of the Outreach and Christ Candles:

One: Holy is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

All: Let this Outreach Candle's light be a witness to the voice of God calling us to service.

One: For our God is a great God.

All: In the light of this Christ Candle, we will come to worship.

* 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

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

* Call to Worship:

One: It is in God that we live, and move, and have our being.
And so, in every moment of every day,

All: we dance with God, and God dances with all creation.

One: We don't often notice that we're dancing, but sometimes, every once in a while,

All: God's music and movement breaks through, and we know!

One: When we gather together, as a community of faith,

All: we gather to help one another become open to the presence of God;

One: we gather to help one another be intentional in that relationship;

All: we gather to help one another, and in helping one another, we worship God.

* **Hymn:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" VU #395

* **Opening Prayer:**

One: Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—

All: hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times.

One: Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love.

All: Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. This is our prayer. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" VU #299

Scripture Readings: Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-5
John 4:5-30, 39-42

One: May God add to our understanding of these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "I Will Be With You"

Sermon: Meeting Places

* **Hymn:** "We Are One" VU #402

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

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

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "May the God of Hope Go with Us" VU #424

* **Litany of Diminishing Light:**

One: Even as the days grow longer,

All: Jesus' time grow short.

(the third purple candle is extinguished)

One: Even as the Christ-light shines, the world tries to hide the light of patience.

All: But we will not let our patience be hidden.

* **Commissioning:**

One: We have encountered the living God through the love of the living Christ.

All: We have been refreshed by living water.

One: Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires.

All: We are water bearers to a dry and parched world,

One: knowing that the God of love and hope goes before you

All: and also with you always. Amen.

Benediction

Choral Amen

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Music as We Depart



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