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## **ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH**

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

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, March 22, 2020, 11:00 am

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**\* Please rise in body and/or spirit**

#### **Music as We Gather**

#### **Gathering**

**\* Clergy & Choir Enter**

**\* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:**

We've lit candles during Lent:

For Love,  
for Peace,  
for Patience,

and today we light a candle for Kindness.

May this Candle shine bright into our world, inspiring acts of amazing kindness by all, for all.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

#### **Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People**

**\* Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

One: As we gather for worship today, things are probably looking a bit different.

This is the week, our first full week in the exploration of new ways to express our spiritual practices that can

help us to be disciples of Jesus and good stewards of all God's gifts. As Isaiah reminds us that God is doing a new thing, and asks us to perceive it, let's get ready to worship God in a new way.

Join with me now in the Prayer of the Three Deep Breaths! Take a deep breath, and as you breathe out say,

"Thank you, Creator."

**All: Thank you, Creator.**

One: Take a deep breath, and as you breathe out say, "Thank you, Jesus Christ."

**All: Thank you, Jesus Christ.**

One: Take a deep breath, and as you breathe out say, "Thank you, Holy Spirit."

**All: Thank you, Holy Spirit.**

One: Thank you, loving God, for being with us, always, and helping us to make time, in this place.

We ask you to help us remember all the moments of gratitude that have filled this week, and we ask you to help us look forward to all of the moments of gratitude that are still to come.

Blessed are you, forever and ever. Amen.

\* Hymn: "Come, Let Us Sing" VU #222 vs.1&4

## Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn: "Deep and Wide"

Deep and wide, deep and wide  
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide  
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There's a fountain flowing deep and wide

Wide and deep, wide and deep  
There's a fountain flowing wide and deep  
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**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 23  
John 9:1-41

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: Creation in Clear View**

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

## Celebrating

**Offering of Our Gifts**

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

\* Offertory Prayer:

**God of light, love and peace, we praise you for leading us in paths of righteousness, that we may come into your presence, forgiven and free. Thank you for being our guide in the place we find ourselves today, where we may rest beside the still waters of your grace, where we are filled with the good gifts of your goodness and mercy. We offer you our gifts, that you might bless them and send them out into the valley of the shadow of death, and everywhere in need of your light. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

\* Lenten Light Entering Again:

We turn on the news and we see panic and fear. We see people blinded by worry that they don't understand, losing sight of what's really important. When we can come together as a community, we're uplifted, not only in spirit, but because of the Spirit. So, we light our Lenten Candle, showing that Jesus came to be our light, and through Jesus,

soon to be born amongst us again, we are also the light – to each other, and God’s world.

**\* Commissioning:**

Let’s go into the world as people of gratitude.

Let’s go into the world as people of hope.

Let’s go into the world as people of joyfulness.

Let’s go into the world ready to share Christ’s love!

And let us go knowing this: we are never, ever alone.

**\* Benediction:**

The peace of Christ holds us, the love of the Creator enfolds us,  
and the wings of the Holy Spirit carry us, today and always.

**Choral Amen**

**Music as We Depart**



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