

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

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, February 21, 2021, 10:00 am

### **First Sunday in Lent**

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

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

### **Gathering**

#### **\* Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles**

\* **Hymn:** "Over My Head" MV #88, v1  
*African-American song*

Over my head, I hear music in the air. (3X)  
There must be a God somewhere.

When the storms of life are ragin'  
Ooh, I hear music in the air.

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

## Welcome and Announcements

God is good,  
**all the time.**  
All the time,  
**God is good.**

### \* **Call to Worship:** *(with inspiration from Rev. Thérèse Samuel)*

Come and hear the good news:  
**We are God's beloved.**  
With you God is well pleased.  
**Even if we are not perfect!**  
You are God's beloved.  
**God has given the rainbow as a sign;**  
God has promised to be with all of creation, no matter what.  
**And so we come.**  
We come to learn,  
**we come for our strength to be renewed.**  
In confidence and hope, come, let us worship God.

\* **Hymn:** "My Lord, What a Morning" VU #708  
*An African-American Spiritual*

#### **Refrain:**

*My Lord, what a morning,  
My Lord, what a morning,  
My Lord, what a morning  
When the stars begin to fall.*

You'll hear the trumpet sound  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. **R**

You will hear the sinner cry  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. **R**

**Refrain:**

*My Lord, what a morning,  
My Lord, what a morning,  
My Lord, what a morning  
When the stars begin to fall.*

You will hear the Christian shout  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. **R**

**\* Opening Prayer**

**Listening**

**Children's Time / Time for all Ages**

**Scriptures:**                      Genesis 9:8–17  
    Mark 1:9–15

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:**      "South African National Anthem"  
                                    *Offered by Cupido Daniels; accompanied by Ken Hassell*

**Sermon:**                      **Wilderness Struggles**

**\* Hymn:** "Over My Head" MV #88, v4

Over my head, I hear music in the air. (3X)  
There must be a God somewhere.

O Jesus is a-callin'  
Ooh, I hear music in the air.  
O Jesus is a-callin'  
Ooh, I hear music in the air.  
O Jesus is a-callin'  
Ooh, I hear music in the air.  
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## **Celebrating**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**\* Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" VU #575  
*An African-American Spiritual*

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**\* Commissioning and Benediction:**

Let these old songs place a new song in your soul.

**Let it sing within and around us.**

Go, bringing that song into a world that...

**longs to sing,**

that...

**loves to sing,**

that...

**needs to sing.**

Go, and let that everlasting song of

Hope, faith, and love go with you,

now and always. And the people sang...

**AMEN.**

**Music as We Depart**