

# 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*

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*

\* 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

#### 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*

\* Commissioning & 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