

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 7, 2021, 10:00 am

Third Sunday of Lent

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

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

* **Hymn:** “Jesus Came, a Child like Me” VU #583, v1

Jesus came, a child like me,
so the face of God I'd see,
God is not left far away,
God is with us every day.

Refrain:

*Live, Jesus, near us, live, Jesus, with us,
live, Jesus, in us, come, live in us today.*

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace that Christ gives be with you.

And also with you!

*** Call to Worship:**

We might be starting to feel weary or overwhelmed...

And God's word revives us.

Maybe we're unsure of ourselves and feeling confused...

And God's word gives us wisdom.

If we're visionless or expressionless...

God's word opens our eyes.

More precious than gold...

And sweeter than honey is God's love for us.

In our honesty and openness, we come to worship.

*** Hymn:** "All Beautiful the March of Days"

VU #530

All beautiful the march of days,
as seasons come and go;
the hand that shaped the rose has wrought
the crystal of the snow,
has sent the silvery frost of heaven,
the flowing waters sealed,
and laid a silent loveliness
on hill and wood and field.

O'er white expanses sparkling pure
the radiant morns unfold;
the solemn splendours of the night
burn brighter through the cold;
life mounts in every throbbing vein,
love deepens round the hearth,
and clearer sounds the angel hymn,
good will to all on earth.

O God, from whose unfathomed law
the year in beauty flows,
yourself the vision passing by
in crystal and in rose;
day unto day declare thro' speech,
and night to night proclaim
in everchanging words of light
the wonder of your name.

*** Opening Prayer**

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Exodus 20:1-17
John 2:13-22

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "A Lenten Meditation"

*Offered by Cynthia Bruce, Nancy Handrigan, Brenda Parker,
Betty Rockwell, Angela Whiteway, Marilyn Whiteway*

Sermon: **Reimagine**

*** Hymn:** "Jesus Came, a Child like Me" VU #583, v4

Jesus came to show God's face,
live God's love, and be God's grace.
God lives now in me, in you,

God's at work in what we do.

Refrain:

*Live, Jesus, near us, live, Jesus, with us,
live, Jesus, in us, come, live in us today.*

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Lenten Candle

*** Hymn:** "Jesus Christ is Waiting" VU #117

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.

*Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.

Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.

*Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.

In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.

*Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.

Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.

*Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.

On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'

*Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.

Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

Music as We Depart