

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

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, March 14, 2021, 10:00 am

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

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

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

### **Gathering**

\* **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

\* **Lighting of the Rainbow Candles**

\* **Hymn:** "Dance With the Spirit" MV #156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

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

**YouTube Video – Welcome from Moderator Richard Bott**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

May the peace that Christ gives be with you.  
**And also with you!**

## Vignette

### \* Call to Worship:

Welcome! I'm so glad you're on the journey.

**Which journey? Lenten, Faith, Christian?**

'Yes' to everything! Specifically, today our journey goes public; it's intentional and explicit.

**I'm unsure.**

We are on a journey to acknowledge our complete inclusiveness, and we need to let it be known!

**In opening our hearts and minds,  
we are following Jesus' way of loving all people.**

With all that we know and all that we are,  
let us draw the circle wide.

**Draw it wider still!**

\* Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide"

MV #145

### Refrain:

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms. **R**

Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call. **R**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door. **R**

**Refrain:**

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

**\* Opening Prayer**

**Listening**

**Children's Time:** "The Little Red Shed"

**Minute for Mission:** "A Way to Heal"

**Scriptures:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-26  
Mark 9:38-41  
Colossians 3:11

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

**Special Music:** "Rest: He Maketh Me to  
lie Down in Green Pastures"

*Offered by  
Nancy Handrigan (Violin)  
and Ken Hassell (Piano)*

**Sermon:** **The Gates are Open Wide!**

**\* Hymn:**

“And on This Path”

MV #8, v1

And on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide, (3X)  
Open wide! (3X)  
The gates are open wide!

## **Celebrating**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**\* Hymn:**

“My Love Colours Outside the Lines”

MV #138

My love colours outside the lines,  
exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places where I’ve never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,  
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
and takes me into places where I’ve never been before  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We’ll never walk on water  
if we’re not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.  
And we’ll never move the gravestones  
if we’re not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've  
never been before,  
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

## **Lenten Candle**

### **\* Commissioning and Benediction:**

Friends, let us go with hearts full of courage,  
**to practice love that disrupts bigotry.**  
Go with hearts full of compassion,  
**to practice love that displaces indifference.**  
Go with hearts full of grace,  
**to practice peace that overcomes violence.**  
Let us go with minds open to experiencing God  
**in ways unique and unexpected,**  
in ways mysterious and wonderful,  
**and in ways ordinary and everyday.**  
And let us go with joy,  
for the Creator of all life goes with us.  
And the people said,  
**"AMEN"!**

## **Music as We Depart**