

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

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, March 21, 2021, 10:00 am

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

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

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

### **Gathering**

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

\* **Hymn:**                   “Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope”                   MV #33

Jesus came bringing us hope  
Jesus came bringing us hope,  
Jesus came bringing us hope,  
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us peace  
Jesus came bringing us peace,  
Jesus came bringing us peace,  
hallelujah forever more!

#### **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:**

It's good for us to gather – we have things to do.

**We are here to pray together.**

To hear words of inspiration together.

**And to sing together.**

We come to do the heart work.

**And the Soul Work!**

With this community of faith coming together now...

**and in the presence of God.**

We are ready. Come, let us worship.

**\* Hymn:** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

VU #375

**Refrain:**

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons  
you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings. **R**

You swept thro' the desert,  
you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people

with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded  
with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets  
to open their eyes. **R**

**Refrain:**

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You sang in a stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city  
you called once again,  
when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind. **R**

You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow  
the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions  
your people arise. **R**

**\* Opening Prayer**

# Listening

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

**Minute for Mission**

**Scriptures:** Hebrews 5:5–10  
John 12:20–33

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

**Anthem:** "Ah, Holy Jesu"

*Offered by Roger Bolt, Cynthia Bruce, Mary McFarlane,  
Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk*

**Sermon:** **Soul Man**

**\* Hymn:** "Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope" MV #33

Jesus came bringing us love  
Jesus came bringing us love,  
Jesus came bringing us love,  
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us joy  
Jesus came bringing us joy,  
Jesus came bringing us joy,  
hallelujah forever more!

# Celebrating

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

### Lenten Candle

\* Hymn: "In the Bulb there is a Flower"

VU #703

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;

at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

**\* 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**