

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 3rd, 2022, 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles

Introit: “Spirit God, Be Our Breath” MV #150 vs.1&4

Spirit God: be our breath,
be our song. Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward,
defensive, withdrawn...
Spirit God, be our song.

Spirit God: be our breath,
be our song. Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge,
we'll greet the new dawn...
Spirit God, be our song.

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

Spring is about to breaking forth!

In all the land, new life is happening!

Feel the Spirit move with creative and reviving energy.

We feel the awe and elation of God's love for us.

Let us worship with a full sense of joy and expectation.

We open our hearts, our spirits, our souls, to God's amazing love. AMEN.

Lenten Candle Journey

Hymn: "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar" VU #590

A prophet-woman broke a jar, by Love's divine
appointing.

With rare perfume she filled the room, presiding and
anointing.

A prophet-woman broke a jar, the sneers of scorn
defying.

With rare perfume she filled the room, preparing Christ
for dying.

A faithful woman left a tomb by Love's divine
commission.

She saw, she heard, she preached the Word, arising
from submission.

A faithful woman left a tomb, with resurrection gospel.
She saw, she heard, she preached the Word, apostle to
apostle.

Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth, for centuries
were hidden, unsung, unwritten, and unheard, derided
and forbidden,

The Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire, on free and slave
descending,

Can tumble our dividing walls, our shame and sadness
mending.

The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls, by Love's divine
ordaining,

The friends we need to serve and lead, their powers and
gifts unchaining.

The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls, from women, men,
and children.

The friends we need, to serve and lead. Rejoice and
make them welcome!

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Said Judas to Mary" VU #129 vs. 1,2,4,5

Said Judas to Mary, 'Now what will you do
with your ointment so rich and so rare?'
'I'll pour it all over the feet of the Lord
and I'll wipe it away with my hair,' she said,
'wipe it away with my hair.'

'Oh Mary, oh Mary, oh think of the poor -
this ointment, it could have been sold,
and think of the blankets and think of the bread
you could buy with the silver and gold,' he said,
'buy with the silver and gold.'

Said Jesus to Mary, 'Your love is so deep,
today you may do as you will.
Tomorrow you say I am going away,
but my body I leave with you still,' he said,
'my body I leave with you still.'

'The poor of the world are my body,' he said,
'to the end of the world they shall be;
the bread and the blankets you give to the poor
you'll know, you have given to me,' he said,
 'you'll know you have given to me.'

Minute for Mission

Scriptures: Isaiah 43:16-21
John 12:1-8

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

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Sermon: Now It Springs Forth

Hymn: “One More Step Along the World I Go” VU #639

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you: **R**

Refrain:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me: **R**

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know: **R**

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you: **R**

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you: **R**

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

Hymn: “The Spring Has Come” VU #187

The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day, the spring has come, let all the
church be part of it!

The sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!
The world expands, let's spread the Gospel way in it!
New leaf, new thrust, new greening for the love of
Christ.
New leaf, new thrust, the sun is warm, let all God's
children play in it!

The spring has come, new people are the flowers of it.
Through wind and rain, new life is in the showers of it.
New bud, new shoot, new hope will bear the Spirit's
fruit.

New bud, new shoot, the spring has come, new people
are the flowers of it!

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!**