

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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April 17th, 2016 11:00 a.m.
EASTER 4: *Still* Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Burke. Easter grace and joy to you all!

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

I have learned things in the dark that I could never have learned in the light, things that have saved my life over and over again, so that there is really only one logical conclusion. I need darkness as much as I need light. New life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground, a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb, it starts in the dark.

Barbara Brown Taylor

T H E G A T H E R I N G

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

***WELCOME**

***INTROIT:(#187VU)**

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!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of the Risen Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

*** HYMN #508 VU Just As I Am**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

O God, with the glory of the Resurrection stirring within us, we gather as your Easter people. Fill us with your Spirit, with your life, with your hope, and with your love. This we pray in the name of the Risen Christ, saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #585 VU Jesus Bids Us Shine

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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T H E W O R D O F G O D

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 40 p.764 VU

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 9:1-20

ANTHEM: *The Glory of Easter*

SERMON: *Falling Down, Letting Go, and Learning To Walk In The Dark*

***HYMN # 186 VU Now The Green Blade Rises**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY (#179 VU)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

A CELTIC RESURRECTION PRAYER LITANY:

The path we walk, O Christ, walk with us.

And hear our stories of pain and joy along the way.

Protect us wherever we find ourselves, in the places of light, and in the places of darkness.

And may we learn the power and wonder of both dark and light places.

As the Ancients have taught us, may we know – and may we offer to one another-

a hand to clasp in the darkness; companionship in times of sorrow or pain;

And in so doing, may a light kindle in the darkness.

And in so doing, may we know your presence with us, Christ.

For the Kingdom of God is not a destination,

but a way ever walked,

and it is walked by those who meet the Risen Christ

as the one to whom light and darkness are the same!

Amen!

***HYMN #509 VU I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am Lord)**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

Amen (#974 VU)

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!

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If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Loraine Ward and Meg Simms

Tellers This Week: Bob Watson and Loraine Ward

Trustees On Duty (Apr): Jim Merrill and Ann Urquhart

Sunday School: Deborah Knorr & Jenn Harris **Nursery:** Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Apr. 17th - 11:00 am - Worship Service followed by Coffeetime

Mon., Apr. 18th - 8:00 am - Outreach – Christ Church Cathedral

Wed., Apr. 20th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Sat., Apr. 23rd - 9:00 am - Outreach – F'ton Community Kitchen

Tue., Apr. 26th - 12:00 noon - U.C.W. Bridge Luncheon

Thur., Apr. 28th - Woolastook Presbytery Meeting (Base Gagetown)

Join us downstairs following the service today for coffee/tea or juice and a time of fellowship.

U.C.W. is holding a **Bridge Luncheon** at the New Maryland Rec Centre on **Tuesday, April 26th from 12 to 3pm.** You can reserve your table of four for \$40 by calling Loraine at 455-8208.

GREEN TIP: If you spot powdery white mildew on the leaves of your plants, try this: mix 1 Tbsp. of plain yogurt with 1 C. of water, pour into a spray bottle and spritz on the plant. Yogurt's microbes will eat away at mildew to keep plants lush and healthy.

Rev Kelly is away on Study Leave from April 18-24. The Rev Brian DeLong will be providing pulpit supply for Sunday Apr 24. Brian is a retired minister who has served pastoral charges in NS and is now living in the area.

<p>FOOD BANK - For the month of April, we will focus on macaroni and cheese. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.</p>

GREETER SIGN UP SHEET – Just a reminder that there is a “Greeter Schedule” posted at the back door. If you or your family would like to volunteer to be greeters some Sunday morning that would be convenient for you, kindly fill in your name by that particular Sunday!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Muscular Dystrophy – A Booksale will be held on **April 28 & 29th** at **King’s Place**. Books can be dropped off at our house or I (Allen Parlee) will pick up. Contact number for the Parlee’s is **459-8007**.

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (183 Gibson St.), will be hosting a **Chicken Breast Dinner** on **April 27, 2016. 4 – 6 p.m.** Tickets: \$13/adult and \$3/child. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

Nashwaaksis United Church UCW, Unit 6, will host a **SPRING LUNCHEON BRIDGE** on **Thursday, May 5th, at 12 noon** at the Nashwaaksis United Church auditorium (46 Main St.) Fredericton. Cost is \$40 per table of four with proceeds going toward church and community initiatives. Please contact Sharon at 458-5246 to reserve your table.