

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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EASTER 6

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

The first, spontaneous reaction with regard to the stranger is to imagine him as inferior, since he is different from us.

Tzvetan Todorov

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: There Is Room For All (#62 MV)**

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"my refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

*** HYMN #154 MV Deep In Our Hearts**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**We come, O God, into this time of worship, bathed in the light of the
Risen Christ. Break open our hearts as we break open your Word.
Help us to confront our own places of resistance. Soften our hard
places. And may we begin to dream a wider vision of your
kingdom. This we pray in the name of Jesus, 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 v.1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN #585 VU Jesus Bids Us Shine v.2

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 36, p.762 VU

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

ANTHEM

SERMON: *Animals and Reptiles and Birds...Oh My!*

***HYMN # 178 MV Who Is My Mother**

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.

Prayers of the People: A Time Of Holding One Another In The Light

A RESURRECTION PRAYER LITANY:

One: If God gives Gentiles and Jews the same gift of Jesus Christ...

All: Who am I to hinder God?

One: If God gives Samaritans and Pharisees the same Good News of love and justice...

All: Who am I to hinder God?

One: If God gives lepers and prostitutes and Roman soldiers and women and children the same gift of Jesus Christ...

All: Who am I to hinder God?

One: If God gives the blind in sight or in spirit the same gift of light and love...

All: Who am I to hinder God?

One: If God gives refugees and orphans and widows and those whose wealth is not found in gold and silver, the same gift of Jesus Christ...

All: Who am I to hinder God?

One: If God gives children in Attawapiskat and New Maryland the same Good News of hope and love...

All: Who am I to hinder God?

One: Peter's question changed the church forever.

All: Peter's answer calls us, to do love well.

One: So rejoice! For we move from this place with the same Good News on our lips and in our hearts!

All: Amen!

***HYMN #79 MV Spirit, Open My Heart**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

Amen (#974 VU)

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

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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: Chandra, Craig and Tenley MacBean

Tellers This Week: Bob Watson and Meg Simms

Trustees On Duty (May): Lloyd Penney and Doug Price

Sunday School: Krista Tupling and Sarah Loftus **Nursery:** Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., May 2nd - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Wed., May 4th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Sun., May 8th - 11:00 am - Worship Service –Christian Family Sunday

Tue., May 10th - 7:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting

Wed., May 11th - 7:00 pm – U.C.W. Meeting

Thur., May 12th - 6:00 pm - “Yard Clean-Up” (rain date: May 19th)

U.C.W. would like to thank all members of the congregation who helped out with our very successful Bridge Luncheon! Our **May meeting** will be held at **7 pm on Wed., May 11th** in the home of Maudie Boyle, 509 New Maryland Hwy. Call Dorothy for more info at 457-9795.

GREEN TIP: Keep chrome faucets shining by rubbing a piece of waxed paper on the chrome faucet. It will leave behind an invisible coating that will keep them shining.

FOOD BANK - For the month of **May**, we will focus on **canned vegetables**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

SPRING CLEANING?? DONATIONS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

Spring cleaning time is upon us! The fresh air surrounds us, new life grows up around us and brings about a renewed energy within us. We invite you to clean out your closets and join us in supporting the Association for Community Living. We will be accepting donations of gently used, clean clothing and footwear for the entire month of May. Donations may be dropped off at the church weekday mornings (**Tue-Fri: 10am-12 noon**) or on Sundays. We can arrange pick-ups for those that are not able to drop off items themselves.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
(Psalm 51:10)*

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH - There will be a ‘**Roast Beef Supper**’ and ‘**Bake Sale**’ at Forest Hill United Church (Kimble Court) Fredericton, from 4 to 6 p.m. on **Saturday, May 7th**. Celiac meals and take-outs will be available. Prices are \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 to 12, and under 6, free. Forest Hill U. C. is wheelchair accessible.

RAISE THE ROOF OVER HUNGER - YOU ARE INVITED to join us **May 2nd** at Sobey's Prospect Street Parking Lot at **10:00 am** as we kick off our collaborative fundraising efforts to support the future build of a Regional Food Depot for our region that will support Food Banks. Come meet some local champions and hear why we need this food depot. We are accepting cash donations (official tax receipts issued), and food donations to fill the transport truck. See bulletin board at back door for more information. This event will continue for 5 days and 6 nights (**May 2nd to May 7th**).

PROCLAMATION: The word of the Lord event – reading the Bible aloud over a 10 day period, 14 hours day from **May 4-13**. Hosted at Ste. Anne’s Chapel of Ease at Christ Church Parish Church, Fredericton, N.B. If you would like to read at this event, please get in touch with Rev. Kelly (470-9634).