

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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May 8th, 2016 11:00 a.m.
ASCENSION SUNDAY
&

Giving Thanks To God For All Those Who Have Mothered Us

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. Grace and joy to you all!

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

This is love:
to fly toward a secret sky,
to cause a hundred veils to fall each moment.
First, to let go of life.
Finally, to take a step without feet.
Rumi

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 peace of the Ascended Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*** HYMN #213 VU Rejoice The Lord Is King**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Leader: Holy God,

People: Mother and Father of us all,

Leader: we give you thanks for our families,

People: for our mothers and stepmothers, for grandmothers and aunts, for teachers and leaders and neighbours:

Leader: for all those who have been like mothers to us.

People: We thank you for their love and care, for their strength and courage, for their guidance and wisdom.

Leader: We ask that you continue to bless the women in our midst and all those who have imparted their grace and understanding upon us.

People: May we know you in the ways you have mothered us. As Jesus wanted to gather the children of Jerusalem the way a mother hen gathers her chicks,

Leader: so we know that you long to gather us up.

People: Guide us back when we forget the way; call us with your voice of love,

Leader: and remind us of your expectations:

People: that we will welcome the stranger, bring in the outcast, and bind up the broken-hearted.

Leader: And now we pray as Mary's Child taught us, 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 #13 MV O Let The Power Fall On Me v.1
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
CHILDREN'S HYMN #13 MV O Let The Power Fall On Me v.2**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY All That We Have (From *Gather*)
All that we have and all that we offer,
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need.
All done in his name.

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

SERMON: *Endings, Beginnings and Oh, Those Feet!*

ANTHEM: *The Potter's Hand*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

***HYMN #480 VU Let Us Break Bread Together**

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. AMEN.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of love, we pause to give thanks for the abundance of our lives.

**For the glory of the earth, for the food on our tables, for the love of
our family, and the love of neighbour.**

For the promise of hope in a world given to despair, for the possibility of
peace in a world torn apart by violence,

For these, and many other things, we offer our thanks and praise.

We remember the stories of our forefathers and mothers in the faith,

People like Sarah and Abraham, Miriam and Moses, Peter and Mary,

Prophets and leaders and teachers, all who have proclaimed your hope over the centuries.

We lift up the countless saints who have gone before us to teach us the ways of being your people.

And so we lift our voices in song, singing together the praises of the ages:

(MV #203 tune: Kingsfold)

O holy, holy, holy God,

O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above

bear witness to your Grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav'n,

creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes

and bears Your name always

We give special thanks for Jesus, the one we call Christ.

Child of Mary, child of grace, he came to teach about the wonders of Your love. As he ate with the despised and the least of his world he showed us what the Glorious Banquet of life could be like.

As we gather at the table to which Jesus calls us, we remember another table long ago and far away.....

And so, God of Cross, Empty Tomb, and Ascension, we eat and drink and remember, giving thanks for the love Jesus poured out on all whom he met. And in our remembering we sing the mystery of faith:

(MV #204 tune: Kingsfold)

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Transforming God, you call us to share the Banquet of faith with long time friends and new acquaintances.

Pour out your Spirit on this table and these people. May the presence of the Spirit make this meal an occasion of transformation for we who gather to eat it together. And the people all sang:

(MV #205 tune: Kingsfold)

**Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and amen!**

+++++ *We Share the Feast* +++++

Prayer after Communion:

Day by day, God will lead us:

to those pools of peace where we can gather with friends and strangers.

Day by day, Jesus will call us:

to give ourselves in service, and to anoint others with hope.

Day by day, the Spirit shows us:

the people we might be, the community we might become.

And all God's people said:

Amen!

***HYMN # 232 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING**

Amen (#974 VU)

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

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

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: Amber & Emma Knorr and Jessica & Abby Tupling

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Dave Ward

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

Sunday School: Deborah Knorr & Krista Tupling

The UCW has dedicated the bulletin this week in memory of all past UCW members. As well, flowers in the Church today are placed by the UCW in celebration of all women of the congregation.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., May 9th - 8:00 am - Outreach – Christ Church Cathedral

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

Wed., May 11th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

- 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see below)

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

Sun., May 15th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Pentecost Sunday

Tue., May 24th - 7:00 pm - Triennial Visit (see over)

Next Sunday, May 15th we will share in a special worship service where we honour our seniors, and the vital role they perform in our community.

TRIENNIAL VISIT – Tuesday, May 24th

Reserve this date! Take advantage of an opportunity to discuss the life, work, health, strength, concerns, and vision of our Church with representatives of Woolastook Presbytery's Pastoral Care and Support Committee. The entire congregation is invited to this "Triennial Visit" which will be held at **7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 24th**.

The **UCW 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.

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

GREEN TIP when you find yourself without a knife sharpener, whether in the kitchen or camping, simply turn over a ceramic mug (or any other ceramic dish) and hone the knife on the unglazed ring around the bottom.

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)*

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY: A big thank you to all who helped in any way with our recent book sale. We took in \$978 and moved a lot of books.
Allen Parlee

CHURCH KEYS - We have just now had the cylinder for the new entry door re-keyed. So, as of now, please revert to using your OLD key. This means that, once again, your key will work in ALL the doors: the highway side door, the new entry door and the School entry door. (If you were someone who had received a new key for temporary use (bright and shiny brass colour), please return those to the church office as soon as possible. They no longer work).

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“ Y A R D C L E A
N - U P ”

Thursday, May 12th (rain date:
May 19)

6:00 pm



All members of the congregation are
invited (men as well

as ladies) who would like to join us!
Please bring your own rake!