

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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April 2, 2017

Lent 5

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning!
We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you all.

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*“Hearts rebuilt from hope resurrect dreams killed by hate.” –
Abherjhani, The River of Winged Dreams*

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

***INTROIT Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (#121 VU)**

**Light of life beyond conceiving
mighty Spirit of our Lord,
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word,
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***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

People: **O God, you know!**

Leader: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

People: O God, you know!

Leader: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

People: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!

Leader: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

People: And come to worship God in hope and thanksgiving!

***HYMN #374 VU Come and Find the Quiet Centre**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER:

Compassionate God, the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life for all who long for you. One breath from you and we are rescued from the arid valley of dry bones, given muscles and sinews and joy with which to praise you and filled with the holy hope you grant to all your faithful children. Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit, that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom and what looks to us to be death may be revealed as but sleep before the emergence of new life. And hear us as we pray in the way 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.

HYMN #310 VU God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty

SOUL SEARCHING

Revitalizing God,

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your power goes far beyond our own,
and yet we still act as though the pains of this world
have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness
of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the
tombs of our lives.

Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst
of all the deaths we experience.

Forgive us for wanting to limit you to “the last day” or “the world
beyond this one”, not trusting you to move and act
among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes
to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.

Amen

ASSURANCE

***HYMN #92 MV, Like a Rock**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON(S):

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalm 130 Voices United page 852

John 11: 1-45

ANTHEM “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” L. Larson

REFLECTION

***HYMN #17 MV God in the Darkness**

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THE RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING & OFFERTORY Deep in Our Hearts #154 MV

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

DEDICATION

Spirit of Life, we breathe our lives upon these gifts that they may become a fertile plain of green life and strengthened hope for all who live in the valley of dry bones. May the wind of your love carry these gifts far beyond us to the places most in need of your compassionate grace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #703 VU In The Bulb There is a Flower**

THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

Leader: Even as the days grow longer,

People: Jesus' time grows short.

[the fifth purple candle is extinguished]

Leader: Even as the Christ-light shines, the world
tries to hide the light of mercy.

People: But we will not let our mercy be hidden.

***BENEDICTION**

Come out! Jesus commands,
And calls us from the tombs of our existence
into the brightness of a new day.

Come out! Jesus cries,
And unbinds us from the chains of our past.

Come out! Jesus calls,
And entices us into a world filled with grace and possibility.

So: Go out!
Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!
Go out!
Into a world that needs the Spirit of God,
carried on our lips and in our loving arms.
Go out!
Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!

***CHORAL BLESSING: May God's Sheltering Wings 214 MV**
May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.

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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. Jane Johnson at 440-9981.***

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

Trustees On Duty (Apr): Lloyd Penney and Jim Merrill

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Apr. 3rd - 7:00 pm - Men's Club

Wed., Apr. 5th - 1:00 pm - Quilters
6:00 pm - Chili Night (see over)
Sun., Apr. 9th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Palm Sunday
Wed., Apr. 12th - 6:00 pm- Maundy Wednesday- Potluck supper
Holy Communion
Sun., Apr. 16th - 9:30 am - Easter Sunday Continental Breakfast
11:00 am - Easter Sunday–Special Song Service

Copies of the latest edition of “The Beacon” are available for pickup in the main foyer.

The **Men’s Group** along with the **U.C.W.** are having a **Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 6th, 2017** at the church. Donations of articles for the sale (excluding **adult clothing and electronics**) will be accepted. If pick up is required, please advise Keith Ball or David Ward to make the necessary arrangements.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE -
For the month of **April**, we will focus on **canned vegetables**. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

UNITED CHURCH VISIONAIRIES:We are looking for congregation member to attend occasional meeting of Fredericton area United Churches to discuss common goals. 1st meeting April 19th. Please contact Tina Glenn 459-5652.

CAPITAL DISTRICT OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION wishes to invite you to the **Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge** next Sunday, April 9th, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the Provincial Cenotaph, Queen St., Fredericton, N. B.

CHILI NIGHT

Sponsored by the NMUC Men's Club

WHEN? Wednesday, April 5th

WHERE? New Maryland United Church

FREE WILL OFFERING

*Guest Speaker: Rod Campbell
Story Teller Extrordinaire!*

*All proceeds will go to the Outreach Committee
for the Tupling family*