

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017    11 am  
Lent 2

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. Grace and peace to you all.

## THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*I will put up with this Church until I see a better one; and it will have to put up with me until I become better.*      Erasmus, early 16<sup>th</sup> century theologian and priest

## 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,  
give us faith to live your word.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** What a gift, that in worship we draw so near to the presence of Christ.

**People:** That presence is incarnate in our very hands and hearts.

**Leader:** What a joy, that in this worship and praise, we have such visible reminders of God:

**People: in Scripture, in songs of faith, in the beauty of God's people together.**

**Leader:** What a strength, that in this place our faith finds a home:

**People: where God befriends us, and where we befriend one another.**

**Leader:** So for these reasons, and many more, we give God thanks and praise!

**People: Come, let us worship God!**

**HYMN #389 VU God is Here**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN #340 VU Jesus, Friend of Little Children**

**A Time with the Children**

**HYMN #340 VU Jesus, Friend of Little Children**

**PRAYING FOR FORGIVENESS AND UNDERSTANDING**

**Leader:** Two Sundays into the season of Lent,

**People: and we are already finding the Lenten walk a challenge.**

**Leader:** Whether we have given something up, or taken on a new challenge,

**People: oh the human spirit is a fickle and resistant thing.**

**Leader:** And so what begins with the best of intentions,

**People: flags quickly, or has a false start, or worse, flattens out.**

**Leader:** Yet this is why we are here, to be honest and admit that we are only too human,

**People: and Jesus the Christ knows this only too well.**

**Leader:** So in this time of silence, let us bring before God where we need strength for the human journey of faith:

**Time of silence**

**Leader:** Lift your spirits, renew yourselves in the love and grace of God, and be free:

**People: to start anew, to start afresh or just plain start. Amen. 2.**

# HEARING THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 121 VU 844**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

**John 3:1-17**

**ANTHEM: “Hymn of Promise”** arr. J. Ferguson

**SERMON**

**HYMN# 661 VU Come to My Heart**

## THE RESPONSE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Leader:** God hear our prayer,

**People:** and in your love, answer.

**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# 178 VU Who Is My Mother**

### **THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

**Leader:** Even as the days grow longer,

**People:** **Jesus' time grows short.**

**[the second purple candle is extinguished]**

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

**People:** **But we will not let our Peace be hidden.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**\*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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**E-Mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)**

**Website: [www.newmarylandunited.ca](http://www.newmarylandunited.ca)**

***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.***

**Greeters This Week:** Meg Simms

**Tellers This Week:** Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

**Trustees On Duty (Mar):** Dave Ward and Ann Urquhart

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Tue., Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 pm - Session**  
**7:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting**
- Wed., Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm - Quilters**
- Sat., Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> - 8 am-12 noon - Fundraising Community Breakfast**
- Mon., Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - Beacon Submissions due (see below)**
- Tue., Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting**
- Wed., Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm - “Chili Night” (see over)**

**Please note that 2016 Tax Receipts are available in the main foyer or see Lloyd Penney.**

**BEACON SUBMISSION** - Submissions for the next issue of “**The Beacon**” are due on or before **Monday, March 20th**. Please leave them at the church office or forward them to [klister1938@gmail.com](mailto:klister1938@gmail.com)

**EASTER PLANTS** – The **Worship Committee** is taking orders for Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hydrangea. The purpose of this project is threefold: to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, can be placed as memorials, or to take home or give to a friend or shut-in after the service. Cost is as follows: lilies, tulips, and daffodils are \$10 each and hydrangea is \$20. To order your Easter flowers, contact Loraine Ward @ 455-8208. Cut off date for ordering is **March 26**.

**GREEN TIP** – Use a microfibre cloth for dishes, spills and general cleaning duties. One microfiber cloth can take the place of 60 rolls of paper towels before it needs to be replaced.

**NOTE:** If you would like to send a card to Rev. Kelly during her time away, her mailing address is Rev. Kelly Burke, 100 Berkley Drive, New Maryland, NB E3C 1C3

**OBSERVER** - The March edition of “*The Observer*” has arrived and is available to borrow from the library area. **5.**

## **MEN'S CLUB NEWS**

The **Men's Group** would like to invite everyone to their **annual Chili Night on the evening of Wednesday, April 5th** at the church at **6pm**. Guest speaker is again our own "In-House" speaker extraordinaire, Rod Campbell. All proceeds will be donated to the Outreach Committee for the Tupling Family.

The **Men's Group** along with the **U.C.W.** are having a **Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

<p><b>GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE</b> - For the month of <b>March</b>, we will focus on <b>macaroni &amp; cheese</b>. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.</p>
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### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH** (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a "**Jigg's Dinner-Corn Beef**" on **Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. 4 – 6 p.m.** Adult: \$15 and Child: \$3. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

**NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH - TOP O'THE MORNING!** Our "**Jiggs Dinner**" will be held on **Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**, at **5:30 pm** in the Nashwaaksis United Church auditorium, featuring corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, pease pudding and a "special dessert"! As the Committee must know how many people are coming for food purposes, tickets are available by calling the church office (458-9452) so get yours early! Adults - \$14 (because of the meat cost); children 10 & under, \$5. All are welcome!