

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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March 19th, 2017 11 am
Lent 3

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 *It took me a long time to learn that God is not the enemy of my enemies. He is not even the enemy of His enemies.*
- Martin Niemoller, 20th century theologian and Lutheran pastor

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.**

***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: Who is our God?

People: the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Who are we?

People: the people of God's pastures.

Leader: With what does God satisfy us?

People: a faith that never ends, like a spring of freshest water that never dries.

Leader: And where do we find such life giving waters?

People: In the faith of Jesus, in the trust he makes possible, in conversations with God:

Leader: that can happen anywhere, anytime, and might surprise us in many ways yet.

People: Let us worship this God of Life!

HYMN #401 VU Worship the Lord

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #299 VU Teach Me, God, to Wonder

A Time with the Children

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PRAYING FOR FORGIVENESS AND UNDERSTANDING

Leader: God, we can meet you at the well of life,

People: give us the courage to ask for the cup of life.

Leader: Jesus, you can tell us that what you give us will satisfy our thirst,

People: yet we honestly thirst for other cups and other beverages.

Leader: The Spirit yearns for us to drink deeply of the water God provides,

People: but in truth, sometimes we also wish to drink deeply of what the world provides.

Leader: And so we confess that we thirst after the wrong drink,

People: and doubt that the well of life and cup of life can truly quench our thirst.

Leader: Come and see what God provides yet again, and again and again:

People: for God isn't just providing us a cup of life, God is life.

Leader: And may we drink of that eternal life gladly, earnestly and freely

People: be a renewed blessing for it. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 95 VU 814

John 4: 5-42

ANTHEM

SERMON

HYMN# 79 MV Spirit, Open My Heart

T H E R E S P O N S E

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.

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# 260 VU God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness**

(to the tune of Joyful, Joyful VU 232)

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 patience.

People: But we will not let our patience 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.**

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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.

Greeters This Week: Nancy Jenkins and Marjorie Olmstead

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

**Mon., Mar. 20th - 8:00 am - Outreach goes to Christ Church Cathedral
Beacon Submissions due (see below)**

Tue., Mar. 21st - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

Wed., Mar. 22nd - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Sat., Mar. 25th - 8:30 am - Outreach goes to F'ton Community Kitchen

Wed., Apr. 5th - 6:00 pm - Chili Night (see over)

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

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

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 – Buy less processed and pre-packaged food. Fresh food is healthier and uses none of the energy required for processing and there's no plastic packaging to dispose of. "Make Mondays Meatless", the United Nations believes that a global shift towards a vegan diet is one of the best things we can do to save the world from hunger, poverty and the worst impact of climate change.

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.

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 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 **March**, we will focus on **macaroni & cheese**. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.