

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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Easter 4

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

“If you want to build a ship, don’t herd people together to gather wood and don’t assign them work and tasks, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.”

- Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

THE GATHERING

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

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

***INTROIT: Christ is Alive (#158 VU)**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Holy One,
You are the one who comes to us in the Holy Spirit
You are the one who calls us to recognize you today and every day
As the splendid mystery

**Gather our hearts and minds this day.
Kindle our God-consciousness.
Let us worship you in awe and wonder!**

OPENING PRAYER:

One: Tender God, we yield to your gentle guidance.
All: Like a shepherd you provide all that we need:
One: you know when we should lie down and rest,
All: Help us to trust the rhythms of the spirit;
One: lead us away from compulsive action and the false peace of apathy.
All: You restore our souls.
One: We gaze into still waters and see ourselves clearly now:
All: reflections of your image looking back with love.
One: You lead on the paths that are right for us and for this planet.
All: We trust your guidance.
One: Even in the darkest valleys and most treacherous passes,
the ground beneath us is firm,
All: and our confidence is great that you are with us.
One: You, Great Shepherd, the ground of our being, do not desert us.
All: Our cup overflows with gratitude.
May our lives be filled with compassion and goodness;
this is all you ask in return. Amen

Bruce Sanguin, (2010) If Darwin Prayed

***HYMN MV#126 Are You a Shepherd?**

SOULS SEARCHING

One: Merciful and Loving God, we ask forgiveness
because our consciousness of you is dimmed by everyday desires and needs.
All: Raise our consciousness of you, O God.
One: We forget that we are a reflection of your image.
We act as though you are a Sunday-only event.
All: Increase our mindfulness of you, O God.
One: Help us to a greater common awareness
of your deep mystery and infinite presence. 2.
All: Rouse our awareness of you, God.
One: Open our eyes from surface focus to depth perception.
Turn our heads from shallow concerns to eternal truths.
All: Awaken us from faint-heartedness, O God.

One: Forgive us for our narrow and selfish ways.
Save us from cheap grace with your amazing grace.
All: Forgive us, O God. We ask in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN MV#45 You Are Holy (Hamba nathi)
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
HYMN MV#45 You Are Holy

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON(S):

Acts 2: 42-47
Psalm 23 Voices United page 749
John 10: 1-10

ANTHEM

REFLECTION

***HYMN MV#10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom**

T H E R E S P O N S E

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.**

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DEDICATION

Thank you, Holy One, for moving the hearts of people to give of themselves. May our offerings of service and financial support give

voice to your work for justice and peace in this world. May we grow more mindful of you through our giving and our living. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN VU#378 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING: Go, Make a Diff'rence (209 MV)

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: 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: Nancy Jenkins and Lorna Ball

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

Trustees On Duty (May): Doug Price and Ann Urquhart

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., May 10th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting

Sun., May 14th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Christian Family Sunday

Mon., May 15th - 8:00 am - Outreach goes to Christ Church Cathedral

Tue., May 16th - 1:30 pm - Session Meeting 4.

GREEN TIP: Uses for Wood Ashes (*by Mark Feirer of This Old House*)

Block garden pests. Spread evenly around garden beds, ash repels slugs and snails.

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

UNITED CHURCH VISIONAIRIES: We are still looking for a congregation member to attend an occasional meeting of Fredericton area United Churches to discuss common goals. Next meeting May 17th. Please contact Tina Glenn 459-5652.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of May, we will focus on pasta or pasta sauces. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The **Village of New Maryland's Age-Friendly Community Committee** is asking the question "How can we work together to make New Maryland an age-friendly community?" Residents are invited to help answer that question and give input at an Open Forum on **May 13, 2017, 10 am-2 pm**, New Maryland Centre, 754 New Maryland Highway. Pre-registration by May 8 is appreciated. Contact the Village Office at 451-8508 or email office@vonm.ca.

FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH (45 Kimble Court) is holding a **Roast Beef Supper and Bake Sale** from **4-6 pm on Saturday, May 13th**. Prices for the meal are \$13.00 for adults, \$6.00 for those of ages 6–12, and those 5 and under, are free. Celiac meals and take-outs will be available. The meal area is wheelchair accessible.

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Spring cleaning time is upon us! Spring has sprung, 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 during the week or on Sundays. We can arrange pick-ups for those that are not able to drop off items themselves.

The New Brunswick Association For Community Living (NBACL) is a provincial non-profit organization that works on behalf of children and adults with an intellectual disability and their families. They work to ensure that people with an intellectual disability, with the support of their families, have the option to choose the supports they need to live meaningful lives and participate in their communities as valued and contributing members. Donating clothing is one way the Association fund raises.