

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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March 25th, 2018 11 am
Lent VI/ PALM SUNDAY

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:

So far as I can see, a parade has value in but two ways -- as a show and as a symbol: its minor function being to delight the eye, its major one to compel thought, exalt the spirit, stir the heart, and inflame the imagination.

Mark Twain

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 LENTEN CANDLES**

*** WELCOME & PROCESSION OF THE PALMS**

***Introit: Tree of Life And Awesome Mystery, #121 VU v. 4**

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
Come inflame our hearts anew,
we may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together! Let us pray:

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Travel with us, O God, as our Lenten journey wends closer to the cross. Shape this moment on the path. Speak to us of ancient promises even here and now, and hold us as we pray together, 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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN ~ Lenten Story Boxes

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11:1-10

ANTHEM: *Lift Up Your Heads / Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

SERMON: *Coats, Palms, And A Stolen Donkey: How To Get To The Cross*

***HYMN#42 MV Praise God For This Holy Ground**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Spirit Open My Heart #79 MV refrain

Spirit, open my heart, to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,

Spirit, open my heart!

THE LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy upon us.

**Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love,
according to your abundant mercies.**

For what we have done that breaks your heart, O God,

For what we have failed to do, that breaks your heart,

Forgive us, O God.

**Create in us a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit within us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE

***HYMN # 126 VU Ride On, Ride On, The Time Is Right**

***THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

Leader: Holy Jesus, how did you have the courage?

People: **The courage to stay the course, to stand up to the corrupt?**

Leader: How is it that you were willing to die, rather than to stop
living out your calling?

People: **What wondrous love is this?**

[The sixth purple candle is snuffed]

Leader: The questions hang there, O God. And we wait....

Amen and Amen.

***CHORAL BLESSING: Stay With Us Through The Night (#182 VU, v.1)**

Stay with us through the night

Stay with us through the pain.

Stay with us, blessed stranger,

Till the morning breaks again.

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E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

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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. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Sue and Paul Morrison

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon., Mar. 26th - 1:00 pm - Bible Study (see below)

Thur., Mar. 29th - 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Potluck & Service

Fri., Mar. 30th - 10:00 am - Good Friday Service

Sun., Apr. 1st - 9:30 am - Continental Breakfast

11:00 am - Easter Sunday – Holy Communion

Bible Study: Monday Musings About Our Faith

On Ash Wednesday a lively group met over coffee to discuss the season of Lent and the imposition of ashes. As often happens when folks around here gather, the conversation took many turns, leading us to more and more questions - and a lot of laughter. So, this Lent, please join us as you can, for a time of faithful conversation on a variety of topics. Please feel free to send in your suggestions ahead of time. Meanwhile, some of the questions that I have received are:

~What is actually important about communion? Why do we do it the way we do? Why do other churches do it differently?

~Do we really believe in Hell anymore?

~ What can we learn from our neighbours of different faiths?

Mondays at 1:00 pm at "The Manse" 100 Berkley Drive in New Maryland, finishing tomorrow, March 26.

GREEN TIP: *During the month of March, our green tips will focus on “green spring cleaning”. Here are a few tips to help you on your way to a clean “green” house.*

Mold and mildew: Wipe with straight vinegar.

Air freshener: Sprinkle essential oil on a cotton ball and stash it in a corner of the room. If you have kids, make sure it's out of their reach, as essential oils are very strong and could irritate their skin. Lavender is a relaxing scent that is great for bedrooms, while cinnamon, cloves, and citrus oils are great for the rest of the house. You can stash a few in the car, too – try peppermint which may help you stay alert.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **March**, we will focus on **macaroni and cheese**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for plastic grocery bags as well as we use them for packing our food hampers.

The **Men's Club** would like to thank all who attended our annual **Chili Night**. A total of \$311 was realized from the event. These monies will be donated to the Outreach Committee to be used for their work in the church and community. We enjoyed a very interesting presentation of India by Margie Layden-Oreto. Special thank you to Rev Kelly, for those who made desserts, and to those who assisted us with the cleanup.

The following are available for pick up today in the main foyer:

- the latest copy of “The Beacon”
- the Easter letter

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Good Friday: The Fredericton Symphony Orchestra and the Fredericton Choral Society will be presenting Antonin Dvorak's "Stabat Mater" at **7:30 pm** on **Friday, March 30th** at Wilmot United Church. This wonderful work, one of the towering monuments of choral music, is a setting of the 13th century hymn, ‘Stabat Mater’, which imagines Mary’s suffering during Christ’s crucifixion. Tickets are \$25 (\$10 student, children 12 and under free) and are available at Reads Newsstand on King Street, from choir and orchestra members and at the door.