

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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April 14th, 2019 11 am
Lent VI/Palm Sunday
Companions On The Lenten Way: Pontius Pilate

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

“It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.”

J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

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 LENTEN CANDLES

*Introit: Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying, #400 VU

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN # 127 VU Ride On! Ride On In Majesty! (tune #20, Winchester New)

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Our Lenten journey continues, O God. Our Forty Days - days of dimming light, and deeper attention;

People: Days of stories that lead us to Jerusalem.

Leader: Days of Nicodemus and Zacchaeus, Judas, Dismas, Peter, and today....Pilate.

People: Like us all, they are battered and glorious; Ordinary and brave; Frightened and fascinating.

Leader: *Simul Justus et Peccator*: at the same time: Saint and sinner...like us all.

People: And so we gather together:

Leader: For this is the House for us ALL. And now as Jesus taught his companions, we say:

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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN: #595 VU We Are Pilgrims, v. 1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: Lenten Story Boxes

CHILDREN'S HYMN: #595 VU We Are Pilgrims, v. 6

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

THE GOSPEL LESSONS: Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26

2.

ANTHEM: Lift Up Your Heads/Hosanna Fry/ Threlfall/ Larson, arr.

[Note: Congregation joins in with]:

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;

Through pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang;

To Jesus who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,

the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

SERMON: *Why Standing His Ground Gives Way To Washing His Hands*

***HYMN #79 MV Spirit, Open My Heart**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: As We Journey Together (Kingsbury/Bowman

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As we journey together on the path of faith,

May our hearts be attentive to Christ's plan,

And may we be responsive to our broken world,

Off'ring freely the talents that we can.

May all we bring, be blessed and shared

With those who need a helping hand.

May all we bring, be blessed and shared

creating justice through the land.

THE LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

[Choir: Together We Pray]

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, forgive us.
**For what we have failed to do, that breaks your heart,
forgive us.**

Do not wash your hands of us, O, Jesus,
Instead, remember us, when you come into your Kingdom.

[Choir: Together We Pray]

THE ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

A broken and contrite heart our God will not ignore. For God is gracious and merciful, and abounding in steadfast love. There is nothing – *nothing*, that can separate us from this love.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

[Choir: Let it be so. Let it be so.]

***HYMN #375 VU Spirit, Open My Heart**

***THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

Leader: Our Lenten journey deepens, and the light continues to fade....
[sixth purple candle is snuffed]

Leader: Even in this dim light, we know there are many crossroads.

People: Which is the better path? Who can tell?

Leader: But *not* to choose is to quit the race.

People: May we trust that the light we have today is enough for today's decisions.

Leader: May it be so. 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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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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Shannon and Aubree Phillips

Trustees On Duty (Apr): David Ward and Ann Urquhart

Tellers On Duty: Loraine and David Ward

Sunday School Teachers: Krista Tupling and Shannon Phillips

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Apr. 14th - 12:00 noon - “After Church Luncheon” (see below)

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

Thur., Apr. 18th - 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper and Service + Holy Communion

Fri., Apr. 19th - 10:00 am – Good Friday Service

Sun., Apr. 21st - 9:30 am - Continental Breakfast

11:00 am - Easter Sunday + Holy Communion

TODAY AFTER CHURCH: The Sunday school is hosting an “**After-Church-Luncheon**” and all are welcome! Please plan to stay and join us for a hot lunch, dessert, tea/coffee/juice. A free-will offering will be collected and proceeds will go towards Mission and Service. Thank you everyone who helped with the luncheon and special thanks to the social committee for providing the beverages.

VESEY’S SEEDS FUNDRAISER - For all you gardeners or friends of gardeners. We have flower seeds and bulbs, vegetable seeds, microwave/freezer containers, “Summer Savoury” Recipe Books, beautiful Spring wrapping paper – All in our Veseys Seeds Catalogue. Please pick up a catalogue for you and your friends to peruse and help us raise money for New Maryland United. We receive 50% of all sales. Catalogues will be available outside Lorna’s office. If you have any questions call Judy (459-1332) Orders must be in by April 14th.

YARD SALE – The Men’s Club would like to let the congregation know that they are planning a **Yard Sale** on **Saturday, May 4th**. Bring your items you no longer need and would like to get rid of ie. household items, novels and children’s toys, etc. (*excluding* electronics and clothing). ***Remember that items you no longer need are welcomed by others!*** See poster on bulletin board. **Enjoy BQ sausages and hot dogs, coffee and muffins by the Sunday School.**

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE –

For the month of **April**, we will focus on **canned tomatoes**. 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.