

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019    11 am  
Companions On The Lenten Way: Lent 1: Nicodemus

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:

*You will learn by reading, yes. But you will only understand with  
LOVE!*      Rumi    13<sup>th</sup> Century Sufi Mystic

## THE GATHERING

\*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 #635 VU All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

### OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: And so our Lenten journey begins, Jesus. The way to your cross is not a path we enter lightly.

**People:** The way is like a rocky path, on a mountain pass, through cloud and shadow....

**Leader:** Open our eyes and ears, our minds and our hearts,

**People:** that we might be attentive to the gift, the challenge, the mystery of this Lenten journey.

**Leader:** Bless our intentions, and our perseverance.

**People:** Bless all whom we meet along the way,

**Leader:** and all that they would help us to discover,

**People:** as together, we journey toward the Cross.

**Leader:** And now 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.**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN: #595 VU The Servant Song, v. 1**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN: #595 VU The Servant Song, v.3**

## **T H E   W O R D   O F   G O D**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-9**

**ANTHEM:** *Wherever You May Go*

**D. Kai**

**SERMON:** *Nic, The Night, and New Notions*

**\*HYMN #10 MV Come And Seek The Ways of Wisdom**

# THE RESPONSE

## 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.**

Wash us of our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit  
within us.**

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit  
from us.

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing  
spirit.**

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within  
us.

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*[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.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

## **\*HYMN #626 VU I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say**

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

**Leader:** Our Lenten journey has begun, and the light begins to fade....

*[The first purple candle is snuffed]*

and so we pray:

**People:** O God of Peace, in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength.

**Leader:** Lift us to your presence, where we may be still, and know that you are God. 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.**

## **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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.*

**Greeter This Week:** Cynthia Geldart

**Trustees On Duty (Mar):** Jim Merrill and Lloyd Penney

**Tellers On Duty:** Loraine & David Ward

**Sunday School Teachers:** Tina Glenn and Shannon Phillips

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sun., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship – Lent I**

**Mon., Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting (re-scheduled)**

**Tue., Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting**

**Wed., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see below)**

**Sun., Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship – Lent II – Holy Communion**

**Mon., Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am - Session Meeting**

**Wed., Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm - “Chili Night” and Presentation on Rhine River Cruise by John Kershaw (see below)**

## **Bible Study: Good Endings!**

Monday afternoons at **1 pm** at Rev Kelly's, starting tomorrow **March 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will explore the sacred, interesting, and sometimes odd, traditions and rituals at the end of life: from historical to modern takes, such as green burials. I promise it will not be gloomy, but rather a lively, deep look at how we can best honour a life.

**COFFEETIME** – Plan to stay for coffee/tea and fellowship downstairs next Sunday following the worship service.

**U.C.W.** will, once again, try to hold their ‘**Bring and Buy**’ auction at the **March meeting on Wed., March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the home of Dorothy Webster, 215 Bradshaw Drive. New members very welcome to join us for this fun event. Call **Dorothy at 457-9795** for more details.

**CHILI NIGHT** - The Men's Club are planning their annual “**Chili Night**” on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. (*Menu: Chili (including vegetarian chili), rolls, dessert will be served.*) Guest speaker is John Kershaw who will be giving a presentation on his and Ginny's recent European River cruise down the Rhine. **Free Will Offering** Monies received will be given to **NMUC Outreach Committee** for their ongoing projects.

**CHURCH NEWSLETTER** - All submissions for the next issue of ***"The Beacon"*** should be left at the church office or sent to klister1938@gmail.com on or before **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**YARD SALE** – The **Men's Club** would like to let the congregation know that they are planning a **"Yard Sale"** on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. We encourage you to start saving your items you no longer need and would like to get rid of (**excluding electronics and clothing**). Further information will be available soon.

**Jigsaw Puzzle Library** – Just a reminder that we have a lovely selection of jigsaw puzzles in the choir room. They are available to anyone who would like to borrow them. A great way to pass the time in the cold winter months. Donations of puzzles are always greatly appreciated.

### **STORM NOTICE**

In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, but **not before 8:30 am**.

1. E-mail notification: If you have e-mail, this is the most direct method.
2. Radio Stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL
3. Website: <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/> It will be on the Home Page.
4. The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).

### **GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE –**

For the month of **March**, we will focus on **pasta/pasta sauces**. 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.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

Enjoy a **JIGGS DINNER** at **5:30 pm Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**, at **Nashwaaksis United Church (46 Main Street)** featuring corned beef, cabbage, carrots, turnip, potatoes, pease pudding and dessert for \$14. Reservations only – phone Larry and Helen Forward, 457-1338 by March 13th.