

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019    11 am  
THE FEAST DAY OF ST. PATRICK & HOLY COMMUNION  
Companions On The Lenten Way: Lent 1l: Zacchaeus

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:

*May those who love us, love us;  
And for those who don't love us,  
May God turn their hearts;  
And if He doesn't turn their hearts,  
May He turn their ankles,  
So we will know them by their limping!  
Irish Adage*

## 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 #642 VU Be Thou My Vision**

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

**Leader:** As our Lenten journey continues, Holy One, may the Blessing of the Maker be ours,

**People:** encircling us, above us, and within us.

**Leader:** May the Blessing of the Son be ours,

**People:** the wine and the water, the bread and the stories, to feed us and to remind us.

**Leader:** May the Blessing of the Spirit be ours,

**People:** the Wind and the Fire, the still small voice of calm, to comfort us, and to disturb us.

**Leader:** May the Blessing of God, Three in One and One in Three, be ours in this time of worship, and always,

**People:** to delight us, defend us, encourage us and strengthen us.

**Leader:** And may we be a blessing to one another,

**People:** a blessing rooted in our common pilgrimage, the blessing of a friend.

**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 We Are Pilgrims, v. 1**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CHILDREN’S HYMN: #595 VU The Servant Song, v.6**

## **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.**

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

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 19: 1-10**

**SERMON: *From Hiding in a Sycamore, To Hosting The Holy***

**ANTHEM: *My Soul Cries Out (Canticle Of The Turning)* R. Cooney**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE INVITATION**

**\*HYMN #457 VU As We Gather At Your Table**

**\* A New Creed**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (sung refrains: #203-205 MV, Kingsfold)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We do give you thanks, God of all time and place: You who gave us life and love us; You who mend us and forgive us; You who will one day welcome us home. And so we join with Zacchaeus, with all the saints and angels, to give you praise, singing:

***Oh, holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.***

***All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise,  
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!***

We thank you for Jesus, who lived a life of radical hospitality. He shows us still that life is a holy gift, and meant to be shared. And he taught us this by sitting down at a table... (*the Institution narrative continues*) ....

And so we continue to partake in this holy meal, and in so doing, we proclaim the mystery of our faith, singing:

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!***

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon us, your gathered people, and upon these gifts of the Table: wheat of the field and fruit of the vine; and may we all be filled!

***Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!  
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!***

-----*We Share the Feast*-----

### **Prayer After Communion (Unison)**

**Fed and filled at your Table, O God, bless to us this day:  
The doors we open, the thresholds we cross, and all the roads that  
lie before us. Go with us always, and at the closing of the day,  
welcome us home.**

**\*HYMN #586 VU We Shall Go Out With Hope Of Resurrection**

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

**Leader:** Our Lenten journey continues, and the light continues to fade....

***[The second purple candle is snuffed]***

**Leader:** 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:** Sandra Cook

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

**Tellers On Duty:** Lloyd Penney and Meg Simms

**Sunday School Teachers:** Sheila and Brooke-Lyn Power

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am - NMUC goes to Christ Church Cathedral**

**10:00 am - Session Meeting**

**1:00 pm - Bible Study (see below)**

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

**Sat., Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 8:30 am - NMUC goes to F’ton Community Kitchen**

**Sun., Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship – Lent III**

**Sun., Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship - Lent IV**

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

**Monday afternoons at 1 pm** at Rev Kelly's (100 Berkley Dr.) 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/cookies and fellowship downstairs today following the worship service.

**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 slide show & 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.

**EASTER PLANTS** - The **Worship Committee** is taking orders for Easter 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: tulips and daffodils are \$10 each and hydrangea is \$19. To order your Easter flowers, contact Loraine Ward at 455-8208. Last day to order is **April 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**CHURCH NEWSLETTER** - All submissions for the next issue of “*The Beacon*” should be left at the church office or sent to [klister1938@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **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.