

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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The Wedding at Cana
EASTER 4

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION & THE WOMEN WHO HAVE MOTHERED US

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy 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. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and Alleluia to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

From the large jug, drink the wine of unity.

Like this large jug, still keep the heart expansive.

*Why would you want to keep the heart captive,
like an unopened bottle of wine?*

Hafiz, 14th C. Persian poet and mystic

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 CHRIST CANDLE**

***Introit: The Spring Has Come, #187 VU v. 1**

The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day, the spring has come,
let all the church be part of it!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN #220 VU Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy God,

People: Mother and Father of us all,

Leader: We give you thanks for our families;

People: For mothers and stepmothers and foster mothers;

Leader: For grandmothers and aunts;

People: For teachers and leaders and neighbours;

Leader: For all those who have been like mothers to us.

People: We thank you for their love and care, their strength and courage, their guidance and wisdom.

Leader: We ask that you continue to bless the women in our midst, and all those who have imparted their grace and understanding to us.

People: May we know you, O God, in the ways you have mothered us.

Leader: Just as Jesus wanted to gather the people of Jerusalem - the way a mother hen gathers her chicks- so too we know that you long to gather us up.

People: Guide us back when we forget the way; call us with your voice of love, O God.

Leader: And remind us of your expectations:

People: That we will respond to the needs in our midst: and we will do so from a place of abundance!

Leader: And now we pray as Mary's Son taught us, 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 #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! v. 3
HONOURING WOMEN**

CHILDREN'S HYMN # 121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! v. 5

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#179 VU, chorus/v.2/ chorus)

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.**

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 2: 1-11

SERMON: *Mama Knows Best, Even When You're The Son Of God!*

ANTHEM: *Family of Faith* V. MacKenzie

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

***HYMN#469 VU We Gather Here**

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of Love, God of Growth, we give thanks for the abundance of our lives.

**For the glory of the earth, for food on our tables, for the love of
family and the love of neighbours.**

For the promise of hope in a world given to despair, for the possibility of
peace in a world that threatens violence,

For this, and so much more, we offer our thanks and praise.

We remember the stories of our forebears in the faith, people like Sarah and
Hagar, Miriam and Esther, Shiphrah, Puah, and Mary Magdalene.

We lift up the countless saints who have gone before us to teach us the ways of your people.

And so we lift our voices, singing together the praises of the ages:

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 give thanks for Jesus, the One we call Christ.

Child of Mary, Child of Grace, he came to teach us about the wonders of your love. Sharing a table, a meal, with absolutely anyone and everyone, he showed us what the Great Banquet of Life could look like. And as we gather now, at this table, we remember another table, long ago, and far away....

[the Institution Narrative continues]

And so, God of Cross, Empty Tomb, and Banquet, we eat and drink and remember. And in our remembering, we sing the mystery of our faith:

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 the gifts of this table, and upon these your people. And may we all be transformed. And all the people sang:

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

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

~~~~~ *We share the Feast* ~~~~~

**The Prayer After Communion:**

Day by day, God will lead us:

**To the places of holy encounter; the places of daring and courage.**

Day by day, Jesus will call us:

**To give ourselves in service; to offer ourselves in love.**

Day by day, the Spirit shows us:

**The people we might be; the community we might become.**

And all God's people said:

**AMEN!**

**\*HYMN #138 MV My Love Colours Outside The Lines**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: We Will Go With God #223 MV**

**We will go with God! Alleluia! We will go with God!  
We will go with God! Alleluia! We will go with God!  
On this day of great joy, we will go with God!  
On this day of great joy, we will go with God!**

## **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: Chandra & Tenley MacBean**

**Trustees On Duty (May): Doug Price and Jim Merrill**

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

**Sunday School Teachers: Deborah and Amber Knorr**

*The UCW has dedicated the bulletin today in memory of all past UCW members. As well, flowers in the church today are placed by the UCW in celebration of all women of the congregation.*

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., May 13<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am - NMUC goes to Christ Church Cathedral  
7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting**

**Thur., May 16<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting**

**Tue., June 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting**

# GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

For the month of **May**, we will focus on **canned vegetables**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for plastic grocery bags as well as we use them for packing.

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## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

It's that time of year again, we would like to invite the congregation to clean out your closets and join us in supporting Community Living. We will be accepting donations of gently used, clean clothing, linens and footwear for the entire month of May.

*The New Brunswick Association for Community Living (NBACL) is a provincial non-profit organization that works on behalf of children and adults with intellectual disabilities, with the support of their family, to 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 just one way the Association raises funds to support their initiatives.*

*Donations may be dropped off at the church during the week (Tue.-Thurs. 10 am – 12 noon and Fri. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm) or on Sundays.*

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH** (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a “**Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner**” on **May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**. Tickets: \$15/person, and \$3/child and to reserve your tickets please call 457-1666.

**NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH** -*Curious about the Loyal Orange Lodges? Visit [www.FrederictonOrangeLodges.ca](http://www.FrederictonOrangeLodges.ca). You may be surprised about what you learn. The Fredericton Orange Lodges invite Christian men to join us. For further info, please email Brian Burrell at [bburrell@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:bburrell@nbnet.nb.ca)*