

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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EASTER 6

STITCHING TOGETHER OUR STORIES OF FAITH: A UCW LED SERVICE!

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 Alleluia to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

I am reminded that every day I have the chance to pick up a needle and some thread and add to the story. To stitch together something beautiful and unique, to patch a small scrap of fabric to the story, to the Great Story, that will be retold again and again.

Jerusalem Jackson Greer

THE GATHERING

*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: We all bring to this time, the threads of our history,

People: and we offer them in remembrance.

Leader: We all bring to this time, the threads of our present story,

People: and we offer them in celebration.

Leader: We all bring to this time, the threads of our story yet untold,

People: and we offer them in hope.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN #357 VU Tell Me The Stories of Jesus**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Leader: Weaver God, we gather here to worship you. You know every thread of our lives, and you weave us together as a tapestry of love, joy, hope and promise. Bring us into your presence now, as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship as one. This we pray in the name of the Risen Christ, 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 VU Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! v. 1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We come before you today, O God, to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask for your help.

People: Just as the seams of fabric grow weak and fragile, so too the seams of our lives become stretched and worn.

Leader: Help us to recognize our own unravelling, and weakness, God, and lean upon you for help.

People: Amen.

The Assurance of Grace:

Leader: This is the Good News: The One who knit us together in our mother's womb is the One who continues to repair and mend us with love, binding us up in grace!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Proverbs 31

ANTHEM: *Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design* (#623 VU)

REFLECTION: *Our Patchwork Lives*

***HYMN # 644 VU** I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING: Duet: *Standing Before Us* D. Webster/L.-J. Coffin

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

HYMN # 341 VU** Fairest Lord JesusTHE 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

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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: Meg Simms and Sue Harris

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

Tellers On Duty: Jim Merrill and Keith Ball

Sunday School Teachers: Krista Tupling and Amy Nelson

*The bulletin today is dedicated in celebration of the
2019 Walk for Multiple Sclerosis by the Gonnason family.*

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., May 29th - 7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting

Thur., May 30th - 6:00 pm - Yard Clean-Up (see below)

Mon., June 3rd - 6:00 pm - Men's Club – June Outing (see below)

Tue., June 11th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

Wed., June 12th - 6:00 pm - U.C.W. – June Outing (see below)

CHURCH PROPERTY CLEAN-UP – Please be advised that the Men's Club is organizing a Church Property clean-up on **Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 pm**. All are welcome to help out. Please bring your own rake!
Rain date: June 5th.

The **MEN'S CLUB** have planned their year-end supper for **Monday, June 3 at 6:00 pm at Wetmore's**. All men of the congregation are welcome. Call Dave Ward at 455-8208 so as reservations can be made.

U.C.W. - On **Wednesday, June 12th**, UCW members will be going to Wetmore's Pub at **6:00 pm** for dinner and a fun social evening. All women of the congregation would be very welcome to join us. To add your name to the reservation list, contact **Dorothy at 457-9795**.

GRADUATES – If you are graduating or know of someone within our Church family who is graduating this year from high school, college, or university, please give the office a call (459-3313) or let Rev. Kelly know. Graduates will be honoured during the service on **Sunday, June 16th**.

New copies of “**OUR DAILY BREAD**” (Jun/Jul/Aug) are now available at both entrances of the church. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Price Class is available.

Your copy of the **SPRING FUNDRAISER LETTER** is available for pick up in the main foyer.

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.

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.

