

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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May 5th, 2019 11 am
EASTER 3

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 wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about having to change. It's about not knowing; It's about taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next. Gilda Radner

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: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN # 175 VU This Is The Day That God Has Made**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: O God, with the glory of the Resurrection stirring within us, we gather as your Easter people, for Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: We bring our Alleluias on this day we call yours, this day we call holy.

People: But we also bring our questions and our hopes, our cares and our curiosities; our distractions and our awe.

Leader: And hold it all – you hold *us* all – in your love. And so with grateful, open hearts, 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: #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! v.2

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN: # 121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! v.3

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Acts 9: 1-20

ANTHEM: *Come to My Heart*

Joe Pinson (#661 VU)

SERMON: *Seeing In The Dark: Enemies, Vulnerability & Transformation*

***HYMN # 166 VU Joy Comes With The Dawn**

THE RESPONSE

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN # 212 MV Sent Out In Jesus' Name

*THE 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: Kaye Lister

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

Tellers On Duty: Dorothy Webster and Ann Urquhart

Sunday School Teachers: Krista and Jessica Tupling

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., May 6th - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Wed., May 8th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see below)

Sun., May 12th -11:00 am - Christian Family Sunday + Holy Communion

U.C.W. will meet on **Wed., May 8th at 7 pm** in the home of Loraine Ward, 64 Kindle Court in Nasonworth. All are welcome. Contact Loraine at 455-8208 for more details.

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

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.

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.