

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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JESUS' LAST WEEK: LENT I: The Ruckus of Raising Lazarus

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:

Pay attention.

Be astonished.

Tell about it.

Mary Oliver

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

*Introit: Don't Be Afraid, (#90 MV)

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
My love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
and I have promised, promised to be always near.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

*HYMN # 10 MV Come And Seek The Ways Of Wisdom

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Our Lenten journey begins, O God: The last week of Jesus' life,
when time stood still,

People: When events rushed by, out of control.

Leader: The more they praised his power,

People: The more they feared his power.

Leader: The more they lifted up his name,

People: The more they sought to crush him.

Leader: And it seems it all began — or came to a head — in Bethany
where Jesus arrives to join his friends. And he does still today, asking
us to 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: #400 VU Lord, Listen To Your Children

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: Lenten Story Boxes

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 11: 1-44

***HYMN #708 VU My Lord, What A Morning**

SERMON: *We Didn't See It Coming....*

ANTHEM: *Ashes*

Tom Conry

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: When We Are Living (#581 VU, v.2)

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering

When we are giving, or when receiving,

We belong to God we belong to God.

THE LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

***THE LITANY OF THE DIMINISHING LIGHT**

Leader: Jesus' death was a long time coming. Between those who were out to get him, and those who didn't get him, he was still alone, even among throngs of adoring fans.

People: How much courage must it have taken for Jesus to stay the course? How many times would his friends let him down?

Leader: How many times would he forgive?

[The first purple candle is snuffed]

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: Even from the cross, you call us to return to you.

Even from the cross, you offer us forgiveness, a chance to start again.

Even from the cross, you make room for us to stand.

Even from the cross.

ALL SING (VU. 144, adapted):

Were you there, when he gave the gift of life? (Were you there?)

Were you there, when he gave the gift of life?

Oh-oh-oh-oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,

Were you there, when he gave the gift of life? (Were you there?)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: 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 Today: Cynthia Geldart

Trustees On Duty (Mar): Jim Merrill and Ann Urquhart

Tellers On Duty: Lloyd Penney and Tina Glenn

Sunday School: Krista and Jessica Tupling Nursery: Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Mar. 2nd - 1:00 pm – Lenten Study (see below)

7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Sun., Mar. 8th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent II

Wed., Mar. 11th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see over)

Tue., Mar. 17th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting (note change of date)

Wed., Mar. 25 - 6:00 pm - Men's Club Chili Night (Save the Date!)

LEANING INTO LENT: Sharing Our Stories, Our Questions, Our Wonder. **Mondays, March 2nd -30th from 1:00 -2:30 pm** at the church Throughout this season of Lent I'd love to have you come and join in the conversation: because we do not do this thing called faith alone. Here is a time to wonder and ask: What do I believe? What shapes and challenges my faith? Has it changed over time? What gives my soul sustenance?

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 \$15 and hydrangea is \$25. To order your Easter flowers, contact **Loraine Ward at 455-8208**. Last day to order is **March 22nd**.

The **March** meeting of **UCW** will be held on **Wed., March 11th at 7 pm** at the church. Everyone welcome. And on **Sunday, March 15th**, we will be bringing homemade muffins to our church, wrapped in freezer bags and ready to donate to the FHS Breakfast Program. If other members of our congregation would like to participate in this Outreach Project, please feel free to add to our muffin total. For more info, contact Dorothy at 457-9795.

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.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

For the month of **March**, we will focus on **dried legumes (beans, lentils, chickpeas)**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

OUTREACH: Sign up schedules are out for both the **Community Kitchen Volunteers and Christ Church Sandwiches**. They are found on the Outreach Committee bulletin board in the main foyer by Lorna's office. The Outreach Committee is very appreciative of all the support we receive from the congregation either through donations or helpful volunteering.

New copies of "OUR DAILY BREAD" (Mar/Apr/May) 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 Bible Class is available.

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).