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March 8th, 2020 11 am
JESUS' LAST WEEK: Lent II: A Wild Anointing in Bethany
GATHERING AT THE TABLE OF JESUS

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:

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

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 #341 VU Fairest Lord Jesus

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Lamb of God, grant us the courage and honesty,

People: to walk with you on this journey to the cross,

Leader: into these shadowy days,

People: this last and holiest of weeks.

Leader: Lamb of God, from your broken, open heart,

People: love pours out, love beyond measure.

Leader: Open *our* hearts, that we might enter into your story,

People: and come to know the extravagance of your life,

Leader: as together we pray, 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 R E S P O N S E

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 WORD OF GOD

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 14: 1-9/John 12: 1-8

SERMON: *In Remembrance of Her: What Hung In The Air*

ANTHEM: *God Says*

M. Bittner

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN #469 VU We Gather Here

* 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 Mary and Judas, with the extravagant and the careful, 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 love. 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!

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Holy God, as she who poured out nard and love, pour out your wild 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!

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Prayer After Communion (Unison)

**Bread has been broken, O God, and wine and oil poured out:
Poured out in love and extravagance; in remembrance and wonder.
And all for love's sake. Amen.**

***HYMN# 147 VU What Wondrous Love Is This**

***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?

[second 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 she bathed his head with oil? (Were you there?)

Were you there, when she bathed his head with oil?

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

Were you there, when she bathed his head with oil? (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: Margot Arnold

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

Tellers On Duty: Dave and Loraine Ward

Sunday School: Krista and Jessica Tupling

Nursery: Lydia LaPointe

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Mar. 9th - 1:30 pm - Lenten Study (see below)

7:00 pm - Outreach Meeting

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

Sun., Mar. 15th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent III

12:00 noon - M&S CrockPot Luncheon by S.S.

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?

AFTER-CHURCH-LUNCHEON: Next Sunday, March 15th

the Sunday school will be having a crock-pot luncheon after church. Please plan to stay and enjoy a hot bowl of soup, chili, etc. with tea/coffee/juice and a dessert. Donations will be accepted and will go towards the Mission & Service. Thank you to the Social committee for helping out with this fundraiser.

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.

MEN'S CLUB CHILI NIGHT – The Men's Club is planning their annual "**Chili Night**" on **Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 pm**. (Menu: chili, including vegetarian chili, rolls/garlic bread & dessert will be served.) Guest speaker will be a member of **York Sunbury Search & Rescue** speaking on "**Project Life Saver**". Free will offering. Monies will be given to YSSR.

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. 7.

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).

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH Enjoy a ‘**JIGGS DINNER**’ at **5:30 pm Saturday, March 14th**, at Nashwaaksis United Church (46 Main St.), featuring corned beef, cabbage, carrots, turnip, potatoes, pease pudding and dessert for \$14. Reservations only – phone Larry and Helen Forward, **457-1338 by March 11th.**