

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023    11 am    LENT VI PALM SUNDAY  
The Lenten Journey Continues: The Entry To Jerusalem

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:

*The most regretful people on earth are those who felt their own  
creative power restive and uprising, and gave it neither power nor  
time.*

Mary Oliver

## THE GATHERING

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

## THE LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

## THE GATHERING & WELCOME

### \*Introit: Gather Us In #7 MV

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, gather us in,

Ground us, ground us, in you.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: And so our Lenten worship continues.

### \*HYMN #123 VU Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

## **OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Leader:** The Lenten Season deepens and our journey, our way of pilgrimage, nears its conclusion:

**People:** The way of wilderness and encounter; the way of palms and cloaks and reckoning;

**Leader:** the way of donkeys and colts, of things seen and unseen.

**People:** We stand at Jerusalem, the beginning of the end,

**Leader:** or the end of the beginning...who can say?

**People:** Then we might as well pray.

**Leader:** Together then:

**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 # 85 MV Take, O Take Me As I Am**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

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## **T H E   W O R D   O F   G O D**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21: 1-11**

**ANTHEM:** *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*   Watts/Hopson/ Larson

**SERMON:** *On Palms, Cloaks, A Donkey & A Colt: Laying Power Down*

**\*HYMN #642 VU Be Thou My Vision**

## **T H E   R E S P O N S E**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: These Lenten Gifts We Bring (tune: #542)**

**These Lenten gifts we bring,  
our faith in act expressed.  
We offer them most lovingly,  
and pray their use be blessed.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN # 127 VU Ride On, Ride On In Majesty**

**\*THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

**Leader:** Our Lenten journey has brought us here and now the light is swiftly fading away....

***[The sixth and last purple candle is snuffed]***

and so we pray:

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy upon us when we sit too comfortably with power. Our own, that is. We can be miserly in sharing it;

**Or are oblivious to its uneven distribution.**

Even though we have heard the stories:

**Of the humble donkey Jesus chose to ride upon.**

The way he knelt to wash his friends' feet; the way he called himself servant of all, and asked us to do likewise.

**Even though we have heard the stories,**

It can be hard to put them into practice.

**But here we are, O God, gathered within the strength of community,**

And so together, we ask you to help us look at how we use our power.

***Sung Response:* Oh God we call. Oh God we call.**

**From deep inside we yearn,**

**From deep inside we yearn,**

**From deep inside we yearn, for you.**

And hope shall rise from ashes, for 'Even now,' says the Lord, 'Quiet your heart, and pay attention. For I am with you in these coming days and always.' Amen and amen.

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Stay With Us Through The Night (#182 VU, v.1)**

**Stay with us through the night  
Stay with us through the pain.  
Stay with us, blessed stranger,  
Till the morning breaks again.**

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*The bulletin this week is donated by the Morrison family.*

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## **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.*

**Greeters This Week: Angela Snyder & Addy & Anna Daigle**

**Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster and Meg Simms**

**Trustee On Duty (Apr): Jim Merrill**

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Tue., Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm – Lenten Conversations**

**Thur., Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper &  
Service + Holy Communion**

**Fri., Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am - Good Friday Service**

**Sun., Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am - Continental Breakfast**

**11:00 am - Worship Service – Easter Sunday**

**Wed., Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm - U.C.W. meeting at the church**

**1:30 pm - Men's Club meeting at the church**

**Mon., Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm - Session Meeting**

**Tue., Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting**

**4<sup>th</sup>**, we will meet for lunch and conversation. Please arrive at the earlier time of **noon** for this last session. Just bring yourself – and your appetite – to: **100 Berkley Drive, in Forbes Subdivision of New Maryland.** Any questions etc. please call Kelly at **470-9634**.

**CHURCH BULLETINS** - Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday bulletin (\$20), please contact the church office (459-3313). We encourage everyone to consider being a sponsor as it off sets the cost of our weekly bulletins. There is now a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the foyer if you'd like to sponsor a bulletin for a particular day or contact Lorna Ball at 459-3313.

**YARD SALE** - The Men's Club in partnership with UCW will be having a **Yard Sale on Saturday May 13th from 7:30 to 12:00** at the **New Maryland Rec Center.** You can drop off items on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 1- 8:00 pm. Please start putting things aside for this event. Unfortunately, no donations of clothing or electronics will be accepted. Further details to follow.

The members of the Men's Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported the Chili Dinner event held this past week. A special thanks to those who helped the group with the food preparation or clean up and especially to Moon Joyce who provided the great entertainment.

### **Church Offering**

Anyone wanting a church envelope number (an annual tax receipt is issued for all contributions) or anyone interested in signing up for PAR (pre-approved remittance – where monthly contributions can be made to the church through your bank), please contact Sue Morrison (458-8150) or [smorriso@unb.ca](mailto:smorriso@unb.ca).