

# **NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH**

## **THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

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April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023    11 am  
**EASTER SUNDAY: Celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord!**

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you all!

### **Thought for Meditation:**

*The resurrection is not one thing. It is a prismatic mystery. It is an unwordable story of God and Jesus and us: an experience of the beyond breaking in, the reality of love and life and justice and joy no matter the power of death.*      Diana Butler Bass

## **T H E    G A T H E R I N G**

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      (spoken from the back of the church)

**Leader:** Christ is risen!

**People:** Christ is risen indeed!

**Leader:** Alleluia!

**People:** Alleluia and Amen!!

**\*HYMN #164 VU The Day Of Resurrection**

**\*ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST LIGHT & THE EASTER CROSS**

**WELCOME**

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

**On this day of joy, O God, on this day of Resurrection and new life, we gather as your Easter people. Fill us with your Spirit, with your**

life, with your hope, and with your love. 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 #958 VU Halle, Halle, Halle**  
**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**  
**CHILDREN'S HYMN #958 VU Halle, Halle, Halle**

## **T H E R E S P O N S E**

### **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERING & OFFERTORY (#179 VU: R, v.2, R)**

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.

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

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-18**

**ANTHEM: *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*     H.Hopson**

**SERMON: *Finding Ourselves In The Garden***

# **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (sung responses 203-205 MV)**

## **THE INVITATION**

**\*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.**

## **PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responses #203-5 MV)**

**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 the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Gracious God, we raise voices hoarse from shouting alleluias.**

**We sing praises for the mystery of an empty tomb,**

for the gift of life that breaks the bonds of death.

We give thanks for the wonder of the earth, for days and nights rippled with beauty. All of this was from you, Holy One, gifts for us, who are created in your image.

**When you saw that we had lost our way, you sent us prophets and teachers, to remind us of your love. And finally you sent us Jesus, to lead us from death to the very celebration of life!**

And so, with the beloved and the betrayer, with the saints and the sinners, the just and the unjust, with the faithful and the forgiven of all time and place, we sing:

***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!***

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the One on whom our hearts rely. Calling us in from our labours, he offers us the meal of new life. At this table he shares the gifts of forgiveness and grace. And so with gratitude and awe we sing:

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,***

***Christ will come again!***

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,***

***Christ will come again***

### **~~~~~The Institution narrative ~~~~~**

God of Life, send your Spirit upon us as we gather to share this meal; infuse this bread and this cup with the Spirit's joy. May alleluias fill our souls: for Christ who died is now alive! And so our hearts sing:

***Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!***

***Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!***

### **~~~~~We Share the Feast~~~~~**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison):**

**We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness; that wine poured out replenishes; that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is both gift and grace. Alleluia and Amen!**

**\*HYMN #173 VU Thine Is The Glory**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Amen (#974 VU)**

**A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! Amen!**

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**A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! Amen!**

<p><i>The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of Doug Watson by Linda.</i></p>
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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.*

**Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster**

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

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Tue., Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Committee of Stewards Meeting**

**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**

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

**YARD SALE** - The Men's Club in partnership with UCW will be having a **Yard Sale on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE:**

Currently there is an urgent need for **kid-friendly snacks**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated

**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.

### **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).

### **CPR/AED Refresher Session: Wed., Apr. 26 at 1:30 pm.**

Some years ago the church purchased a defibrillator (AED). It is stationed in the entryway, across from the lift. At that time, Roz Thompson, a Registered Nurse, came and gave us a lesson in CPR and instruction on how to use the AED in case of an emergency. It's time for a re-fresher! There are spaces for 15 of us. If there is greater interest we will hold a second session. Cost is \$10 per person.

# EASTER FLOWERS

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