

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

875 Route 101 Hwy. Nasonworth, NB E3C 2C1 Phone: 506-459-3313
Minister: The Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke, B.A., M.Div, D.Min Office Administrator: Lorna Ball
Supply Musician: Veronica Kallos RMT, B.Mus
Choir Director: Rev. Jane Johnson, B.Sc., B.Th., M.Div.

May 14th, 2023 11 am
EASTER 6

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION & THE WOMEN WHO HAVE MOTHERED US

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy 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. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and Alleluia to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

*Good bread has the salt taste
of your hands after nine strokes of the axe;
to know what you devour is to consecrate it,
almost. All bread must be broken
so it can be shared. Together
we eat this earth.* M. Atwood

THE GATHERING

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

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Make A Joyful Noise (Psalm 100) #820 VU

Make a joyful noise, all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise, all the earth!
Come to this place with a song!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Joy of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you!
Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN # 341 VU Fairest Lord Jesus

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy God,

People: Mother and Father of us all,

Leader: We give you thanks for our families;

People: For mothers and stepmothers and foster mothers;

Leader: For grandmothers and aunts;

People: For teachers and leaders and neighbours;

Leader: For all those who have been like mothers to us.

People: We thank you for their love and care, their strength and courage, their guidance and wisdom.

Leader: We ask that you continue to bless the women in our midst, and all those who have imparted their grace and understanding to us.

People: May we know you, O God, in the ways you have mothered us.

Leader: Just as Jesus wanted to gather the people of Jerusalem - the way a mother hen gathers her chicks- so too we know that you long to gather us up.

People: Guide us back when we forget the way; call us with your voice of love, O God.

Leader: And remind us of your expectations:

People: That we will respond to the needs in our midst: and we will do so from a place of abundance!

Leader: And now we pray as Mary's Son taught us, 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 #104 MV Know That God Is Good
HONOURING WOMEN**

CHILDREN'S HYMN #104 MV Know That God Is Good

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: What Can I Do? (#191 MV)

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13: 33-35

SERMON: *Bread: Baking Life*

ANTHEM: *One Bread, One Body*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

***HYMN# 480 VU Let Us Break Bread Together**

*** 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 PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of Love, God of Growth, we give thanks for the abundance of our lives.

For the glory of the earth, for food on our tables, for the love of family and the love of neighbours.

For the promise of hope in a world given to despair, for the possibility of peace in a world that threatens violence,

For this, and so much more, we offer our thanks and praise.

We remember the stories of our forebears in the faith, people like Sarah and Hagar, Miriam and Esther, Shiphrah, Puah, and Mary Magdalene.

We lift up the countless saints who have gone before us to teach us the ways of your people.

And so we lift our voices, singing together the praises of the ages:

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 give thanks for Jesus, the One we call Christ.

Child of Mary, Child of Grace, he came to teach us about the wonders of your love. Sharing a table, a meal, with absolutely anyone and everyone, 4.

he showed us what the Great Banquet of Life could look like. And as we gather now, at this table, we remember another table, long ago, and far away....

[the Institution Narrative continues]

And so, God of Cross, Empty Tomb, and Banquet, we eat and drink and remember. And in our remembering, we sing the mystery of our faith:

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,

Christ will come again!

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,

Christ will come again!

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of this table, and upon these your people. And may we all be transformed. And all the people sang:

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

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

~~~~~ *We share the Feast* ~~~~~

**The Prayer After Communion:**

Day by day, God will lead us:

**To the places of holy encounter; the places of daring and courage.**

Day by day, Jesus will call us:

**To give ourselves in service; to offer ourselves in love.**

Day by day, the Spirit shows us:

**The people we might be; the community we might become.**

And all God's people said:

**AMEN!**

**\*HYMN # 481 VU Sent Forth By God's Blessing**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace**

**Besig/Price**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.**

**God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.**

**Know God will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others, so all the world can see,**

**God will be there, watching from above.**

**Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**A-a-men. A-a-men. A-a-a-men.**

# 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 (May): Ann Urquhart**

*The bulletin today is dedicated in memory of Frank Bradley (May 10, 1923-Sept. 24, 2020). Lovingly remembered by Ginny & John Kershaw.*

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., May 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm - Board of Trustees meeting**

**Tue., May 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Committee of Stewards meeting**

*The flowers in the church today are donated by the Worship Committee in celebration of all women of the congregation.*

**SPRING FUNDRAISER** - In an effort to achieve our 2023 budget of \$135,000, the Stewards Committee has planned a Spring Fundraiser (donations only). Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. Every dollar donated will be used to support church operations and maintenance and will be added to your 2023 income tax receipt. To make a donation, please indicate on your offering envelope (or plain envelope) that it is for the Spring Fundraiser. You can also mail your donation to the Church: New Maryland United Church, 875 Route 101 Hwy, Nasonworth, NB E3C 2C1. Attn: Sue Morrison; or arrangements can be made to pick up your donation. **Thank you for your continued support! The Comm. Of Stewards**

**GRADUATES** - If you are graduating or know of someone within our church family who is graduating this year, from high school, college, or university, please give the office a call (459-3313) or let Rev. Kelly know. Also, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the main foyer.

**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 a sign up sheet (up to end of August) posted on the bulletin board in the foyer if you'd like to sponsor a bulletin for a particular day.

### **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).

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE:** For the month of May we will focus on **pasta sauce**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL PLANT SALE** will be held on **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon**. Come pick up plants for your garden, balcony and home. **CASH ONLY**. (224 York St. in the George St. parking lot – corner of York & George Sts.)

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH** (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a **“Yard Sale” on June 3, 2023 from 8 am – 12 noon**. **All are welcome!**