

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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May 21st, 2023 11 am
EASTER 7: ASCENSION SUNDAY: The End of Eastertide

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:

*To live in this world you must be able
to do three things:*

to love what is mortal;

*to hold it against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;*

and, when the time comes to let it go,

to let it go. Mary Oliver from “In Blackwater Woods”

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: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia and Amen!

Leader: Let us worship together!

***HYMN # 150 MV Spirit God Be Our Breath**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Forsaking chariots of fire, and fan-fared brass, as quietly as he came, O God,

People: Jesus leaves.

Leader: Just as from the grave he had to rise, so too, he must depart, it seems,

People: that he might be 'everywhere.'

Leader: It is a story we really prefer to leave aside, O God,

People: So odd and full of absence as it is.

Leader: So we ask you to hold us in the mystery, as we 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 #104 MV Know That God Is Good

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Acts 1: 1-12

ANTHEM: *Christ Has No Body Now But Yours* R.Gunn/St. Teresa of Avila

SERMON: *The Ascension: On Semi colons And Marching Orders*

***HYMN # 333 VU Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN # 420 VU Go To The World**

***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.

The bulletin today is a "Thank you" to the Canadian Red Cross for always being ready to help in times of distress. From Marg Frenette

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E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

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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 This Week: Sandra Cook

Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster and Meg Simms

Trustee On Duty (May): Ann Urquhart

LOOKING AHEAD:

Thur., May 25th - 6:00 pm -Yard Clean-Up (see over)

Tue., May 30th - 7:00 pm -Committee of Stewards meeting

Tue., June 6th - 7:00 pm -Official Board Meeting

Wed., June 7th - 12:30 pm - Men's Club Luncheon (see over)

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 foyer.

MENS CLUB NEWS:

The **MEN'S CLUB** will be having a **Church Yard Clean-up** this **Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 pm.** All are welcome to help spruce up the church grounds. Bring your rake.

The **MEN'S CLUB year end luncheon** will be held at Wetmore's Pub on **Wednesday, June 7, at 12:30.** This event is open to all men in the congregation. If interested, please advise Dave or Keith so they can confirm your seat at the table.

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.

JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY – Just a reminder that we have a lovely selection of jigsaw puzzles in the mini kitchen off the sanctuary. They are available to anyone who would like to borrow them. Donations of puzzles are greatly appreciated.

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:

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!