

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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EASTER 5

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 Alleluia to you all!

## Thought for Meditation:

*To be a human being among people and to remain one forever, no matter in what circumstances, not to grow despondent and not to lose heart — that's what life is all about, that's its task. Fyodor Dostoyevsky*

## T H E G A T H E R I N G

### \*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### \*INTROIT #396 VU Jesus Stand Among Us

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;  
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!  
People: Christ is risen indeed!  
Leader: Let us worship together!

### \*HYMN # 187 VU The Spring Has Come

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER [Today's version is from Parker Palmer]

Leader: God of Resurrection, God of every beginning, be with us now.  
People: Open us to your presence:

**Leader:** as surprising as a way in the wilderness,

**People:** as jarring as your word.

**Leader:** Open us to pathways among us and between us;

**People:** to the demands of angels and strangers;

**Leader:** to streams of living water;

**People:** to every sign of your Spirit.

**Leader:** Good of every new beginning, help us to begin again, as we say together:

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,**

**Holy and blessed is your true name.**

**We pray for your reign of peace to come.**

**We pray that your good will be done.**

**Let heaven and earth become one.**

**Give us this day the bread we need.**

**Give it to those who have none.**

**Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,**

**From each one to each one.**

**Lead us to holy innocence, beyond the evil of our days.**

**Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.**

**For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:**

**Forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! R/v.1/R**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! R/v.2/R**

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

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 8: 26-40**

**ANTHEM: *God's Peace***

***M. Dawn/B.White/C.J.Adams***

**SERMON: *On Chariots, Wilderness Encounters, and Beautiful Questions***

**\*HYMN #144 MV Like A Healing Stream**

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# THE RESPONSE

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#179 VU, chorus/v.2/ chorus)**

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### A CELTIC RESURRECTION PRAYER LITANY:

The path we walk, O Christ, walk with us.

**And hear our stories of challenge and joy along the way.**

Protect us wherever we find ourselves, in times of faith and times of doubt.

**And may we learn the grace of giving voice to our needs.**

As the Ancients have taught us, may we know – and may we offer to one another:

**A hand to clasp in the darkness, companionship in times of worry;**

And in so doing, may light kindle the darkness;

**And in so doing, may we know your presence with us, Christ.**

For the Beloved Community is not a destination,

**but a way ever walked,**

and it is walked by those who meet the Risen Christ,

**as a surprising stranger to be welcomed in. AMEN!**

**\*HYMN #1 MV Let Us Build A House (verses 1,2, 4 & 5)**

## **\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

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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.*

**Greeter This Week: Kaye Lister**

**Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster and Linda Watson**

**Trustee on Duty (May): Ann Urquhart**

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting**

**Wed., May 1<sup>st</sup> - 1:30 pm - Men's Club Meeting at the Church**  
**7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting at the Church**

**Thur., May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10:30 am - Worship Committee Meeting**

**Spring Fundraiser** – In an effort to achieve our 2024 operating budget the Committee of Stewards has planned a Spring Fundraiser to run throughout the month of May. We are so very fortunate to be both a single point charge and to have such a wonderful full-time minister and we welcome your continued support by donating to this important fundraising effort. Every dollar donated will be used to support church operations and maintenance and will be added to your 2024 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, N. B. E3C 2C1, or arrangements can be made to pickup your donation.

Thank you for your continued support! It is so greatly appreciated!

**The Committee of Stewards**

**GREETER SIGN UP SHEET** – Just a reminder that there is a new “Greeter Schedule” posted in the foyer. If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter some Sunday morning, kindly fill in your name by any Sunday that would be convenient for you. Thanks!

**MEN’S CLUB** – The church BBQ has reached a point that it needs replacing. It is used for church social events as well as the salmon supper. Before purchasing a new one, the Men’s Club would like to reach out to the congregation to determine if anyone has a good BBQ that they no longer need. If so, please contact Dave Ward (455-8208) or Keith Ball (455-1948).

**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 posted on the bulletin board in the foyer if you’d like to sponsor a bulletin for a particular day.

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE:** For the month of **May**, we will focus on **kids snacks (peanut free)**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH – Guaranteed Livable Income - A Conversation about Guaranteed Livable Income** sponsored by Wilmot Outreach Committee in partnership with Basic Income Atlantic.

**When? Friday, May 3, 2024 from 1 pm – 3 pm**

**Where? Wilmot sanctuary. Refreshments and further discussion following the presentation.**

**Who? Wil Robertson and Dr. Herb Emery with discussion moderator Randy Hatfield.**

**How Much? No charge**