

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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EASTER 2

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: “We are closer to God when we are asking questions than when we think we have the answers..” *Abraham Joshua Heschel*

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT #157 VU Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (tune: #155VU)

Christ the Lord is risen today, hal -le- lujah!

All creation join to say: hal -le- lujah!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, hal -le- lujah!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply: hal -le- lujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we join in worship this day, we might feel like the disciples, overwhelmed by grief. After all, the state of the world is so uncertain now.

Many: But our resurrected Christ comes to us, saying, “Peace be with you.”

One: We might feel like Thomas, looking for physical signs that the unbelievable could be true. After all, nothing like this has ever happened before.

Many: But our resurrected Christ comes to us, saying, “Here are the marks on my body.”

One: Can we really believe that Jesus is here again?

Many: Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on us. Christ’s peace is with us. We don’t need to be afraid.

One: Our resurrected Christ calls us to worship, and we receive the peace of Christ.

Many: Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!

HYMN #161 VU Welcome, Happy Morning

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

(inspired by Luke 24: 36-48, John 20:19-31) Moira Laidlaw.

Lord Jesus Christ, As the bewildered disciples pondered the stories of your appearance, you penetrated the darkness of their fear and doubt with your word of peace. You showed them the marks of evil pierced on your hands and feet. You opened their minds to understand. Increase our understanding, we pray, and open our minds and hearts to receive you.

Hear our prayers

Our Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

Your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the dominion, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN # 958 VU Halle, Halle, Halle

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 20: 19-31

REFLECTION

HYMN # 427 VU To Show by Touch and Word

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

HYMN # 339 VU When Morning Gilds The Skies

THE BENEDICTION

Go now; walk in God's light.

Tell of the goodness of those who love us.

Go now; serve in Christ's light.

Share the parables about grace and the laughter of little children.

Go now; live in the Spirit's light.

Touch the broken places with healing, stare down injustice until it changes its ways.

c) Thom M. Shuman

CHORAL BLESSING: Amen (#974 VU)

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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: Lorna Ball

Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster and Keith Ball

Trustee on Duty (Apr): Jim Merrill

The bulletin today is sponsored by Linda Watson.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., Apr. 10th - 1:30 pm - Men's Club Meeting at the Church

Tue., Apr. 16th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE: For the month of April, we will focus on **canned diced tomatoes**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH (46 Main St.) will be hosting a “**Ham Takeout**” on **Friday, April 19 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm**. The menu includes delicious ham, potato and macaroni salads, roll and lemon tart for dessert. The cost is \$15. Cut off for reservations is Tuesday, April 16th at 2 pm. Please call the church office at 506-458-9452 or email admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca