

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY

Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus & The Holy Sacraments of Communion & Baptism!

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:**

*Everything that was broken has forgotten its brokenness.*

*Through every window...your presence.*

*Our touching, our stories. Earthly and holy both. How can this be, but it is.*

*Every day has something in it whose name is forever. Mary Oliver*

## THE GATHERING

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Christ is risen!

**People:** Christ is risen indeed!

**Leader:** Alleluia!

**People:** Alleluia and Amen!!

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

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

**Leader:** On this day of joy, O God, on this day of Resurrection and new life,

**People:** On this day of sign and sacrament, of water and word;

**Leader:** On this day of faith and family, of promise and praise, we gather as your Easter people!

**People: May we recognize your presence here O God, with us and amongst us.**

**Leader: This we ask in the spirit of Jesus, who taught his friends to 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.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

**\*HYMN# 442 VU Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters**

### **Introduction to The Sacrament (From: *A Song of Faith*):**

In grateful response to God's abundant love,  
we bear in mind our integral connection  
to the earth and one another;

**we participate in God's work of healing and mending creation.**

To point to the presence of the holy in the world,

**the church receives, consecrates, and shares  
visible signs of the grace of God.**

In company with the churches  
of the Reformed and Methodist traditions,  
we celebrate two sacraments as gifts of Christ:  
baptism and holy communion.

In these sacraments the ordinary things of life

—water, bread, wine—

point beyond themselves to God and God’s love,  
teaching us to be alert to the sacred in the midst of life.

**Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are born into the brokenness of this world.**

**Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are surrounded by God’s redeeming love.**

Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity  
is the means by which we are received, at any age,  
into the covenanted community of the church.

**Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining,  
and transforming power of God’s love  
and our grateful response to that grace.**

**The Presentation of the Candidate** – Sue Morrison (Mimi), on behalf of the  
Clerk of Session, Tina Glenn:

Jesus said: ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is  
to them that the kingdom of God belongs. And he took them up in his  
arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

On behalf of the congregation of New Maryland United Church, I  
present **Adam Connor David Morrison** for initiation into the body of  
Christ through Holy Baptism.

**Profession of Faith and Promises**

**Questions to Parents, Mark and Christine Morrison:**

Do you believe in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit/  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

**3.**

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and by your actions?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you live in the knowledge and love of God, resisting evil, living with respect in creation, and loving and serving others?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you continue to grow in faith and love, so that being strengthened by the Holy Spirit, you may go forth to serve God faithfully in the world?

**I will, God being my helper.**

**Question to the Congregation:  
(Congregation will stand, as able)**

As the congregation of New Maryland United Church, do you commit yourself to support and nurture **Adam and his family**, within this community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

**We do, by the grace of God!**

**Prayer Of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you!**

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of creation made known to us in water and word.

Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Moses your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom, and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the Promised Land.

You have come to us through water in the stories of Jesus, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb, baptized by John in the Jordan, /4.

and became Living Water to a woman at the Samaritan well. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, and sent them forth to baptize with water and the Spirit. By your Holy Spirit O God, bless this water we pray. May it be a sign of new life in Christ. Amen.

### **The Act of Baptism**

**Baptism in the name of the Triune God**

**Marking with the sign of the cross**

**Invocation of the Spirit**

**Aaronic Blessing**

**Declaration and Presenting to the Congregation**

**Presentation of Certificate and Candle**

**A Song For The Newly Baptized: *Adam, Adam, God Claims You***

## **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: *Joy Comes With the Dawn* G. Light/N. Thompson, arr.**

**SERMON: *The Holy Joy of Hearing Our Name***

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

## **THE INVITATION**

**\*HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is ris'n today.  
Death is conquered, joy restored, and he shall live forevermore.  
Christ is ris'n today! Christ is ris'n today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Jesus calls us to the feast: Come! Come! It is for the last and least.  
Bread is broken, cup is poured, to praise the everlasting Lord.  
Christ is ris'n today! Christ is ris'n today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ is ris'n today! Christ is ris'n today!**

### **\* 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 betrayers, 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,*





# 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: Tina Glenn**

**Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster and Loraine Ward**

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

*The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of Leona Biggs & Mary St. Pierre, mothers of Judy and John St. Pierre.*

## **LOOKINGAHEAD:**

**Wed., Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00 pm - UCW meeting at the Church**

**Wed., Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 pm - Men's Club Meeting at the Church**

**Rev. Kelly will be away for a week of Study Leave, from April 2-8.** Tom Cameron, a lay leader, will be with you here on April 7<sup>th</sup>. In case of pastoral emergencies, you may call or text Rev. Kelly at (506) 470-9634.

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

# EASTER FLOWERS

## Donated by:

Janet & Jim Merrill

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