

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 11 am  
THE SEASON OF LENT

## The Stories We Carry: Lent IV: “An Extravagance Story”

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 peace and friendship with its people. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you

### Thought for Meditation:

*When the Roses Speak, I Pay Attention:*

*“As long as we are able to*

*be extravagant we will be hugely and damply*

*extravagant. Then we will drop foil by foil to the ground.*

*This is our unalterable task, and we do it joyfully.” Mary Oliver*

## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**\*INTROIT: Come Touch Our Hearts, #12 MV, v.1**

**Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,**

**from failing embers build a blazing fire;**

**Love strong enough to overturn injustice,**

**to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

**Leader:** Let us worship together!

## **\*HYMN # 559 VU Come, O Fount Of Every Blessing**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Leader:** Our Lenten journey continues, O God. Our Forty Days - days of dimming light, and deeper attention;

**People:** Days of stories that lead us to Jerusalem.

**Leader:** Stories of funerals and miracles, water and storms, family and strangers, and today, a dinner party that goes awry.

**People:** With characters that are ordinary and brave; Frightened and fascinating. Unabashed. Misunderstood.

**Leader:** Like us all.

**People:** And so we gather together here:

**Leader:** For this is the House for us ALL. And now as Jesus taught his companions, 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 # 88 MV Over My Head, Refrain**  
**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: The Lenten Story Boxes**  
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## **T H E W O R D O F G O D**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 36, p. 762 VU**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 14: 1-9**

**ANTHEM: *What Wondrous Love Is This* Am. Folk hymn**

**SERMON: *On Misunderstanding, Judgment And That Alabaster Jar....***

**\*HYMN #236 VU Now Thank We All Our God**

## **T H E R E S P O N S E**

### **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#581VU When We Are Living, v.2)**

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give.**

**Good works of service are for offering.**

**When we are giving, or when receiving,**

**we belong to God, we belong to God.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN #220 VU Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**

**\*THE LITANY OF THE DIMINISHING LIGHT**

**Leader: Our Lenten journey deepens, and the light continues to fade....**

**[*The fourth purple candle is snuffed*]**

**Just enough light to see that we all carry our own alabaster jars:**

**People: Will we save them? Or pour them out?**

**Leader:** Who can say? But this we trust:

**People:** That you will be with us, O God.

**Leader:** In the holding. In the emptying. Amen, and amen.

**ALL SING** (VU. 144, words adapted, K. Burke):

**Were you there, when she bathed his head with oil? (Were you there?)**

**Were you there, when she bathed his head with oil?**

**Oh-oh-oh-oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,**

**Were you there, when she bathed his head with oil? (Were you there?)**

## **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:** Marg Frenette

**Teller This Week:** Dorothy Webster and Myrna Belyea-Tracy

**Trustee on Duty (Mar):** David Ward

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm-2:30 pm - Lenten Conversations (see below)**

**Sun., Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent V**

**Annual Congregational Meeting + Potluck  
(following the service)**

**Wed., Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm - “Chili Night” plus presentation (see over)**

**Sun., Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Palm Sunday**

**Sun., Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> - 11:00 am - Easter Sunday**

**LENTEN CONVERSATIONS:** Join in as you can for 5 weeks of conversation. On Being Human: Life, Sacred Stories, & Rituals beginning Monday, February 26 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm here at church.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – The Worship Committee is taking orders for Easter tulips, daffodils and hydrangea. The purpose of this project is threefold: *to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday; can be placed as memorials; or to take home or give to a friend / shut-in after the service.* Cost is as follows: tulips & daffodils are \$15 each and hydrangea (8 in. pot) is \$30. To order your Easter flowers, contact Loraine Ward at 455-8208. **Today is the last day for orders.**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024 (following the service)**

**Join us next Sunday for our Annual Congregational meeting & potluck luncheon following the service. The potluck luncheon is planned to be a cold buffet of finger food. Open to all members and adherents of NMUC.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – The Men’s Club will be holding their annual **Chili Dinner on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm.** Meal consists of chili (vegetarian & meat), garlic bread and homemade dessert. Following the meal, guest speaker – Mac MacFarlane of the **York Sunbury Search & Rescue** will be speaking about “**Project Lifesaver**” – a project which uses technology and searching skills to protect those at risk of wandering and providing peace of mind to families. **Freewill offering.**

**GREETER SIGN UP SHEET** – Just a reminder that there is a “Greeter Schedule” posted at the back door. 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!

**NMUC LIBRARY** – Just a reminder that we have plenty of interesting books in our church library for anyone to borrow. There have been a couple of requests for “large print” novels for our library. If you have any at home or know someone who would like to donate some, we’d love to have them.

**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. A great way to pass the time. Donations of puzzles are greatly appreciated.

**New copies of “Our Daily Bread” (Mar/Apr/May)** are now available in the foyer. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container is available for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Bible Class. The latest edition of **Broadview** (March) has arrived and is available to borrow from the library area.

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

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH** (46 Main St.) will be hosting a **“Stew Take-Out” on Friday, March 22 from 4:00-5:30 pm**. The menu includes delicious homemade Beef Stew, rolls, and carrot cake for dessert. The cost is \$15.00. Cut off for reservations is Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church office @ 506-458-9452 or e-mail [admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca](mailto:admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca) \*Please use the front door for pick-ups.

## **STORM NOTICE**

**In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, but not before 8:30 am.**

1. E-mail notification: If you have e-mail, this is the most direct method.
2. Radio Stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL
3. Website: <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/> It will be on the Home Page.
4. The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).