

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 11 am  
LENT VI : PALM SUNDAY

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Burke. Grace and peace to you throughout this holy season of Lent!

### Thought for Meditation:

*All of life is an exercise in risk!*

William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

## THE GATHERING

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

### LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

\* PROCESSION OF THE PALMS #123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

\*WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us worship the Lord together.

### OPENING PRAYER (Unison):

Holy God, you beckon us to continue our journey on the unknown path of Lent. It is strewn now with palms and coats and mystery – but it leads to your heart. Give us courage. Give us wisdom. Give us open minds and hearts, that we might dare to follow where you lead. Hear us now 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: #400 VU Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying  
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: The Lenten Boxes**

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

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11**

**ANTHEM: *And On This Path* Lynn Bauman/Linnea Good**

**SERMON: *The Lord Has Need of Our Donkeys***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY (#79 MV)**

**Spirit, open my heart, to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

**OUR PRAYER LITANY FOR A DAY OF PALMS**

**ALL SING: #127 VU verse 1:**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry:  
O Saviour meek pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Leader:** And so you come, Lord, humble and riding on a donkey.  
You are acclaimed by the crowds and carolled by children. You move  
from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power.

**People: Ride on in majesty!**

**ALL SING: #127 VU verse 2:**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Leader:** You give the beasts of burden a new dignity. You are giving  
majesty a new face. You are giving those who long for redemption a  
new song to sing.

**People: Ride on in majesty!**

**ALL SING: #127 VU verse 3:**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Leader:** You, O Lord, must show *us* how to ride on in the way of  
majesty, for our ambitions rival your summons. For in your company,  
and at your side, we might help to bandage and heal the wounds of  
the world.

**People: Ride on in majesty, and take us with you. Amen!**

**ALL SING: #127 VU verse 4:**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

**Leader:** Holy is the week that lies before us: holy, consecrated, belonging to God. We move from hosannas into the darkness. We wish there was another way around. But it is the only road that leads to Easter. And we go not alone, but in the company of one another. And with the One who walks every road with us.

**[the sixth purple candle is extinguished]**

**Leader:** Let us pray together:

**ALL:** Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Amen.\*

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BLESSING:**

**Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery #121 VU (verse 5)**

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be,  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river you the sea,  
we the river you the sea.

\* From *St Patrick's Breastplate*

# 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. Burke at 470-9634.*

**Greeters This Week:** John and Judy St. Pierre

**Tellers This Week:** L.Ward/S.Harris **Next Week:** L.Penney/D.Ward

**Trustees On Duty (Apr)** David Ward and Ann Urquhart

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Mon., Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - M. & P. Meeting**

**Wed., Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm - Quilters**

**Thurs., Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Potluck & Service**

**Fri., Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am - Good Friday Service**

**Sun., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am - Early Easter Service**

**9:00 am - Continental Breakfast**

**11:00 am - Easter Service (Holy Communion)**

*Please note that your Easter letter is available for pick up at the back door.*

The **MEN'S CLUB** deeply appreciate your support at our "Chili Night" and Sue Morrison's presentation on her recent mission trip to Haiti. From your generous freewill offering, Sue Morrison has directed an amount of \$300 towards the Christ Church Cathedral Outreach program.

**GREEN TIP** – To remove old wallpaper, mix equal parts vinegar and water, put in a spray bottle. Spray wallpaper until wet, wait at least ten minutes, wallpaper will wipe away.

**FOOD BANK:** For the month of **April**, we will focus on **granola bars (peanut free)**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. As well, they are collecting egg cartons and clean plastic bags.

## **What Is PAR ?**

PAR or Pre-Authorized Remittance, is a program administered by the United Church of Canada that allows you to contribute to your local church through a monthly withdrawal from your bank. You can designate your gift to Local Church expenses, Mission & Service Fund, and other Special Funds, just as you would on an offering envelope. If desired, small cards will be available to be put in the offering plate in place of envelopes, or just mark PAR on your envelope. Your account will be debited on or about the 20th of the month, and your congregation's account credited with the amount credited with the amount payable from all members who participate. Ask your church treasurer/church office for a brochure. It includes an application. For more information please call Lloyd Penney **(459-8622)**.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**HARVEY UNITED CHURCH –“Spring Dinner”** Roast Stuffed Pork Loin with all the fixings – **Sunday, April 13 –4:00 & 5:30 pm (Reserved sittings)**. See bulletin board at both doors for all the details.

On **Saturday, Apr. 26**, please join us for the annual **“BREAKFAST FOR PARKINSON’S”** fundraiser **8-11 am at Brunswick Street Baptist Church** . Cost by donation – **all proceeds go to Parkinson’s research**. (see bulletin board at back door)

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY:** Booksale is being held on **May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **Kings Place**. Books can be dropped off at our house or I (Allen Parlee) will pick up.

**OROMOCTO UNITED CHURCH** (144 Winnabago St.) **“Spring Turkey Dinner” - May 3, 21014 - 4-6 PM** - Adults \$10 -Children under 5 is \$5  
Preschool Free - Everyone Welcome