

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

875 Route 101 Hwy. Nasonworth, NB E3C 2C1 Phone:506-459-3313
Minister: Rev. Kelly Burke, B.A., M.Div Office Administrator: Lorna Ball
Musical Director: Allan Morgan, B.Mus Choir Director: Carolyn Hatt, B.Mus, B.Mus Ed

April 5th, 2015 11:00 am
EASTER SUNDAY: Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord!

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy 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. Easter grace and joy to you all!

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

**Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;
Death is strong, but Life is stronger!**

~Phillips Brooks, "An Easter Carol"

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

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken from the back of the church)**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia!!

ALL: Alleluia and amen!!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #155 VU Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

***WELCOME & ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

On this day of joy, O God, on this day of Resurrection and new life, we gather as your Easter people. Fill us with your Spirit, with your life, with your hope, and with your love. This we pray in the name of the Risen Christ, 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 #958 VU Halle, Halle, Halle
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY (#179 VU)

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: Luke 24:1-9

SERMON: *Transforming The Cross*

ANTHEM: *Now To Our Christ*

Klusmeier/Farquharson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (with sung responses)

The Invitation

***HYMN #469 VU We Gather Here**

***A New Creed #918 VU**

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Let us give thanks!

People: Thanks and praise to the Giver of Life!

Gracious God, we raise voices hoarse from shouting alleluias,
we sing praises for the wonder of an empty tomb,
for the gift of life that breaks the bonds of death.

We sing songs of praise for the world you have given us, for the beauty
of the earth, for the glory of the skies.

We sing songs of hope for new life springing from dead soil, for the
promise held in every seed that is sown.

As people of faith we remember all those who have gone before. People
like Moses and Miriam who led their people from bondage, and danced
in freedom; people like Sarah and Abraham, who birthed a nation and
laughed in joy; people like Peter and Mary, who, amazed, proclaimed an
empty tomb and life beyond the cross.

[All 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!

Deep among all those memories we remember the life of Jesus, Child of
Mary. Baptized by John, he embraced the life to which you called him.
He taught and preached a vision of a world where all divisions were
broken down, where all had what they needed for abundant life, where
the Reign of God was as real on earth as in heaven.

When offered a chance to take the easy way he overcame his own fear
and instead prayed “yet Thy will be done”.

Even though they put him to death on a cross you raised him to life,
vindicating his vision and bringing hope and healing to the world.

As inheritors of that hope we join together singing:

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

---The Institution Narrative----

God of Life, send Your Spirit upon we who gather to share this meal; infuse this bread and this cup with the Spirit's power. May the fire of hope blaze in our hearts, and the joy of the Empty tomb resonate in our souls. Christ who died is now alive!

**Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!**

----- *We Share the Feast* -----

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**May the meal we have shared today revive us in body and soul, and sustain us as we go out to share the Good News. Christ is Risen!
Death is Defeated! Life Wins! Alleluia and Amen!**

***HYMN #352 VU I Danced in the Morning**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

Amen (#974 VU)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: 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: Sandra Cook and Emma Geneau

Tellers This Week: Jim Merrill and Lloyd Penney

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

Sunday School: Krista Tupling and Deborah Knorr

Nursery: Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tue., Apr. 7th - 1:00 pm - Green Committee

7:00 pm - Men's Club

Wed., Apr. 8th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

7:00 pm - U.C.W.

Wed., Apr. 22nd - 6:00 pm - Soup & Pie Supper (see below)

"THE BEACON": Find the latest NMUC newsletter on our web site www.newmarylandunited.ca

GREEN COMMITTEE – World Water Day is being celebrated at the UNB Art Centre, 9 Bailey Drive, **from now until April 9**. You can take your outdated or broken electronics, old batteries, cell phones, VCRs, microwaves, TVs, etc. to Memorial Hall to be recycled. Help prevent soil and water contamination from E-waste.

SOUP AND PIE SUPPER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! For the **Soup and Pie Supper** to be held **Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00 pm** at the Church. Admission by donation with all proceeds going to support the work of **DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS**.

MEN'S CLUB – GIANT YARD SALE – The Men's Club is planning for a **Giant Yard Sale** on **May 23, 2015** at our Church. Start saving all your items you do not need or want (except clothing, televisions, computers, or monitors).

FOOD BANK: For the month of **April** we will focus on **macaroni** (500 g. or 900 g.) However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. As well, they are collecting egg cartons and clean plastic bags.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

HARVEY UNITED CHURCH is holding a Spring Dinner of “Roast Stuffed Pork Loin” with all the fixings on Sunday, April 12th.

Reserved sittings at 4 pm and 5:30 pm. Adults: \$12 / Children: \$5/ Under 3: Free. For tickets call 366-1993 or 366-2016.

FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH - Calling all Pastoral Care workers! Would you like to learn more about dealing with family issues? Would you like to better understand family structures and boundaries and how they cause problems? Would you like to help individuals and families become closer to each other and to God? If so, please join us at Forest Hill United Church, 45 Kimble Court, Fredericton on Saturday, April 18th, from 10-3 for a workshop on God and family. Cost is \$25. Lunch is available (free will offering) To register (limit 50), please contact Marilyn Lohnes at [506-455-9272](tel:506-455-9272) (evenings) or by e-mail ffolk@rogers.com