

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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April 19th, 2015 11 am
Easter 3 – Celebrating Earth Day: God's Glorious Creation!
With Thanks to The Green Committee!

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:

All creation is a song of praise to God!

Hildegard of Bingen

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.

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

***INTROIT: (#187 VU)**

The spring has come, let all the earth be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day, the spring has come,
let all the church be part of it!

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader 1: Come, let us gather together.

Leader 2: Come, because the Earth is the Lord's, and God's Earth is our home.

People: We live in God's World; we are not alone. We share this life with the heavens and the earth,

Leader 1: With the waters and the land; With trees and grasses,

Leader 2: With fish, birds, and animals,

People: With minerals and creatures of every form,

And with all our brothers and sisters.

Leader 1: God is good and everything God makes is good!

Leader 2: God is love and everything God makes is love's fruit. Come, let us worship God together!

***HYMN# 30 MV It's A Song of Praise To The Maker**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

You are the Living God who creates and sustains all life! Open our eyes and ears, our hearts and minds to recognize your glory all around us. And hear us now as we pray together as Jesus taught us, 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.

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

THE STORY OF CREATION (an interactive telling!): Based on Genesis 1

ANTHEM: *If I Were a Butterfly*

Brian Howard

EXPLORING THE WONDERS OF CREATION: (with thanks to Allen Parlee, Allen Grant)

***HYMN# 41 MV O Beautiful Gaia (Mother Earth)**

Verse 1: Everyone

Verse 2: Women and girls

Verse 3: Men and boys

Verse 4: Everyone

THE BIG GREEN CHALLENGE: AN EARTH DAY QUIZ!

The Green Machine vs The Eco Freaks!

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

#179 Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks (v.2)

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.

A LITANY FOR EARTH DAY (beginning with Job 12: 7-10)

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?

In God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations, and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the healing of the Earth.

May we know once again that we are not isolated beings but connected, in mystery and miracle, to God, to the universe, to this community and to the Earth. Amen!

***HYMN#220 VU Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

***BENEDICTION:**

You do not have to be good. You do not have to walk on your knees for a hundred miles through the desert repenting. Whoever you are, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like wild geese, harsh and exciting—over and over announcing your place in the family of things. Go forth knowing your place, answering the call, and loving the Earth.

(Adapted from “Wild Geese” by Mary Oliver)

***CHORAL BLESSING**

Amen (#974 VU)

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

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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. Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Ann Urquhart and Tupling family

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Merlin Tracy

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Apr. 20th - 8:00 am - Outreach – Christ Church Cathedral

1:30 pm - Session

Tue., Apr. 21st - 7:00 pm - Committee of Stewards

Wed., Apr. 22nd - 1:00 pm - Quilters

6:00 pm - Soup & Pie Supper (see below)

Tue., Apr. 28th - 6:30 pm - Worship Committee

Mon., May 4th - 7:00 pm - Men's Club

All children will be staying upstairs today for our intergenerational service and celebration of Earth Day!

SOUP AND PIE SUPPER

The **Outreach Committee** is hosting a “**Soup and Pie Supper**” **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**’.

Recently several members of the congregation have agreed to be part of a **'Philosophers Club'** to be held (**tentatively**) on **Tuesday mornings** at the church. The idea is to gather over coffee and a cookie and discuss current events. It is hoped that each meeting will have group selected topics and a facilitator to keep the conversation on track. This Club is open to both men and women. If you are interested in being a part of this group please contact Lorna at the church by phone (459-3313) or email (nmuc@nb.aibn.com) .

GREEN COMMITTEE – Always praise God and be thankful for all the goodness he has provided through Mother Earth.

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).

<p>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.</p>

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

OROMOCTO UNITED CHURCH (144 Winnabago St) **"Spring Turkey Supper"** **Saturday, May 2, 2015 4.00 pm - 6.00pm**

Adults: \$12.00 / Children under 12: \$ 5.00 / Preschoolers: Free

Everyone welcome. Tickets at the door.

NEW MARYLAND LIONS CLUB is hosting a **"Ladies Night Out"** on **Saturday, May 9th** at the **New Maryland Rec Centre**. Chicken or salmon dinner, entertainment, door prizes and draws. For more information, see poster on bulletin board at back door.

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Sponsored by the NMUC Outreach Committee



*When? Wednesday, April 22nd
6:00 pm*

Where? New Maryland United Church

In support of Doctors Without Borders

