

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 11 am  
LENT III

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!

## Thought for Meditation:

*The world says you gain your life by getting more and more and more and more, but Jesus says, 'No, that leads to death. You get it back by giving it away and when you give it away you get it back'.*

Philip Yancey

## THE GATHERING

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

\*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

\*INTROIT: Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying (#400 VU)

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Presence of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

\*HYMN# 332 VU The Church's One Foundation

## **OPENING PRAYER:**

**Leader:** O Jesus, as you carry your own cross, to your own execution, how heavy is the weight of my burden?

**People:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy upon us.**

**Leader:** O Jesus, grace is free, for us. But at what cost to you?

**People:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy upon us.**

**Leader:** O Jesus, from the cross you reached out in love to those who killed you.

**People:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy upon us.**

**Leader:** O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, hear us 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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERING & OFFERTORY (tune: #542 VU)**

**These Lenten gifts we bring,  
our faith in act expressed.**

**We offer them most lovingly,  
and pray their use be blessed.**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Isaiah 53:4-12  
Romans 5:6-9  
1Peter 2:24**

**\*HYMN: #152 VU There is a Green Hill Far Away**

**SERMON: *On Judges, Lambs, and the Meaning of Sacrifice***

**ANTHEM: *At the Cross***

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Invitation**

**\*HYMN# 480 VU Let Us Break Bread Together**

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God!

**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

We gather in the presence of the cross, O God, a Lenten people struggling to plumb its depths; to understand, even a little, the mystery and the love that set Jesus on such a path. And in the midst of our unknowing, we do this: we join our voices with those from every time and in every place, and with the great company of heaven, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, God.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes to take up his cross.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

When he could have stumbled over our distrust,  
Jesus called us to follow him into your promises;  
when our rejection could have weakened his faith,  
he grew strong in his commitment to deny himself;  
when he could have hidden his face in fear,  
he turned towards Jerusalem,  
going to his death and into the grave,  
that you might give life to all who had died to sin.

### **Narrative of Institution**

And gathered around a table now, we proclaim:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Holy Spirit, come!

Bless this bread, bless this fruit of the vine,  
Let it become for us the bread of life,  
the cup of salvation.

And bless us who eat and drink,  
that in this sharing we may know the living Christ  
who gave his very life for us all.

+++++++*We Share the Feast*+++++++

**Prayer after Communion (unison):**

**You meet us, O Christ, in bread broken and wine poured out. Sustain us  
and hold us through the journey, until the light of Easter breaks anew.**

**Amen.**

**LITANY OF THE DIMINISHING LIGHT**

**Leader:** God is Glorious, Holy, Pure

**People:** Jesus humbled himself, and became obedient, even unto death

**Leader:** The scales of Justice are balanced

**People:** and we are received as God's children.

(extinguish the third candle)

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**People:** Jesus, you had it all! And yet you let go of it all!

**By lowering yourself to such a death as a criminal and traitor,**

**You raise us to become worthy to glorify God with our lives.**

**All honour and praise be to you, God, Creator and Saviour.**

**Leader:** Amen, and Amen.

**Choral Blessing: (VU 182, vs.1)**

**“Stay with us through the night**

**Stay with us through the pain.**

**Stay with us, blessed stranger**

**Till the morning breaks again.”**

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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:** Margot Arnold and Linda Lyons

**Tellers This Week:** L.Penney/M.Simms **Next Week:** D.Ward/L.Ward

**Trustees On Duty (Mar):** Lloyd Penney and Doug Price

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sun., Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent III – Holy Communion**

**Mon., Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Men's Club**

**Tue., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting**

**Wed., Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm - Quilters**

**7:00 pm - U.C.W. (see over)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – There will be no Sunday School or nursery today. Classes will resume next week March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## **EASTER PLANTS**

The **Worship Committee** is taking orders for Easter lilies, 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 or shut-in after the service.**

Cost is as follows: lilies, tulips, and daffodils are \$10 each and hydrangea is \$22. Orders need to be in by **Sunday, March 15**. To order your Easter flowers, contact Loraine Ward (455-8208) or the Church office (459-3313). Any profit from this project goes to our Sunday School.

**UCW** will meet in the home of Maudie Boyle (509 New Maryland Hwy.) on **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the earlier time of 7 pm.** For more info call Dorothy at 457-9795.

All submissions for the next issue of **“THE BEACON”** are due on or before **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.** They may be left at the church office or forwarded by e-mail to [pklisternbnet.nb.ca](mailto:pklisternbnet.nb.ca).

**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).

**New copies of “Our Daily Breads” (Mar/Apr/May)** are now available at both entrances of the Church. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Price Class is available.

**GREEN COMMITTEE** – If your heating equipment is more than ten years old, it may be time for a replacement to a more energy-efficient unit. While initially an expensive investment, replacing old equipment with **ENERGY STAR** qualified equipment saves more energy and money in the long run.

**FOOD BANK:** For the month of **March** we will focus on **juice boxes for children’s lunches.** However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. As well, they are collecting egg cartons and clean plastic bags.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH, (183 Gibson St.),** will be hosting a **“Jigs” Dinner (Corn beef)** on Tuesday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 6 p.m. Adult \$12, Child \$3, please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets, or by chance at the door.