

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015    11 am  
PALM SUNDAY ~ LENT VI

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:

*In the Palm Procession we do **not** have a Lamb to the Slaughter, a pre-programmed robotic Jesus. We have a living, choosing, inviting Jesus making the cross one of his final offers to the people and powers of Jerusalem.*

Peter Woods

## THE GATHERING

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

### LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

\*PROCESSION OF THE PALMS: HYMN #127VU Ride On! Ride On

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** The Presence of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

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

### \*WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Travel with us, O God, as our Lenten journey continues. Shape this moment on the path. Speak to us of ancient promises breaking open once more. And hear us now as we pray the words that Jesus taught us:

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.**

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN# 120 VU O, Jesus, I Have Promised**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Mark 8: 31-34**

**ANTHEM: *Lift Up Your Heads/Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
S.Fry/J. Threlfall/L. Larson**

**SERMON: *Taking Up Our Cross***

**\*HYMN# 561 VU Take Up Your Cross**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN#581 VU When We Are Living**

**\*LITANY OF THE DIMINISHING LIGHT**

**Leader:** They tried to make Jesus a popular hero and crown him king.

**People: Yet he came into town on a lowly donkey, and would wear a crown of thorns.**

Leader: He knew that blessing the poor and marginalized made him the enemy of the rich and powerful.

**People: But still he followed God's way, facing certain death.**

Leader: Like the crowds around Jesus, we want a God with authority and power in the world

**People: Yet Jesus was tortured and killed as a traitor and criminal.**

*(extinguish the sixth – and last - purple candle)*

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: Jesus, how did you know? How did you know that their praise was a temptation to lure you away from the path, rather than your just reward for a life well lived? How did you have the courage to stay the course, to stand up to the corrupt? How is it that you were willing to die, rather than stop living out your calling?**

**Leader:** The questions hang there, O God. And we wait....

Amen, and Amen.

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

**Stay with us through the night.**

**Stay with us through the pain.**

**Stay with us, blessed stranger**

**Till the morning breaks again.**

## **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:** Sue and Paul Morrison

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

**Sunday School:** Sheila Power and Brodie Power

**Nursery:** Lorna Ball

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

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

**Thurs., Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday – Potluck Supper/  
Service including Holy Communion**

**Fri., Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10:00 am - Good Friday Service**

**Sun., Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> - 9:30-10:30 am - Continental Breakfast**

**11:00 am - Easter Service – Holy Communion**

**“THE BEACON”:** Find the latest NMUC newsletter on our web site [www.newmarylandunited.ca](http://www.newmarylandunited.ca)

The **Men’s Club**, with the help of the **U.C.W.**, invite you to join them for a time of fellowship at a continental breakfast Easter Sunday morning between 9:30 and 10:30 am. (Menu includes a delicious assortment of hot cross buns, biscuits, scones & muffins and fruit & cheese and coffee and tea.)

**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**.