

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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EASTER 6 – COMMUNION
Giving Thanks to God for all those who have mothered us
&
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of CGIT!

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: The CGIT Purpose
(recited at the start of every meeting):

*As a Canadian Girl in Training,
under the leadership of Jesus,
It is my purpose to:
Cherish Health,
Seek Truth,
Know God,
Serve Others,
And thus with His Help,
Become the girl God would have me be.*

THE GATHERING

*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: How do we learn how to live?

People: We pattern our lives by those who are close to us, those who have gone before us, and by the Spirit within.

Leader: We are not alone. God moves in our lives through all those who guide us in the way of compassion, grace and respect.

People: We give thanks for role models, near and far.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord together.

***HYMN# 706 VU Give Thanks for Life**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER :

Leader: Holy God,

People: Mother and Father of us all,

Leader: we give you thanks for our families,

People: for our mothers and stepmothers, for grandmothers and aunts, for teachers and leaders and neighbours:

Leader: for all those who have been like mothers to us.

People: We thank you for their love and care, for their strength and courage, for their guidance and wisdom.

Leader: We ask that you continue to bless the women in our midst and all those who have imparted their grace and understanding upon us.

People: May we know you in the ways you have mothered us. As Jesus wanted to gather the children of Jerusalem the way a mother hen gathers her chicks,

Leader: so we know that you long to gather us up.

People: Guide us back when we forget the way; call us with your voice of love,

Leader: and remind us of your expectations:

People: that we will welcome the stranger, bring in the outcast, and bind up the broken-hearted.

Leader: And now we pray as Mary's Son 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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #958 Halle, Halle, Halle
CHILDREN'S TIME

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.

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 16:11-15 ; Judges 4: 4-5

SERMON: *Becoming the Girl God Would Have Me Be*

ANTHEM: *Hail Mary: Gentle Woman*

C. Landry

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

***HYMN # 457 VU As We Gather at Your Table**

*** A NEW CREED #918 in VU**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of love, God of growth, God of gifts, we pause to give thanks for the abundance of our lives.

For the glory of the earth, for the food on our tables, for the love of our family, and the love of neighbour.

For the promise of hope in a world given to despair, for the possibility of peace in a world torn apart by violence,

For these, and many other things, we offer our thanks and praise.

We remember the stories of our forefathers and mothers in the faith,

People like Sarah and Abraham, Miriam and Moses, Peter and Mary,

Prophets and leaders and teachers, all who have proclaimed your hope over the centuries.

We lift up the countless saints who have gone before us to teach us the ways of being your people.

And so we lift our voices in song, singing together the praises of the ages:

(MV #203 tune: Kingsfold)

O 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 heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears Your name always**

We give special thanks for Jesus, the one we call Christ.
Child of Mary, child of grace, he came to teach us about the wonders of Your love. As he ate with the despised and the least of his world he showed us what the Glorious Banquet of life could be like.

**We give thanks for his witness and commitment to The Way. We
give thanks for his vision, his healing and his holy compassion.
We give thanks for his life, his death, and his resurrection.**

Here, now, as we gather at the table to which Jesus calls us, we remember another table long ago and far away.....

And so, God of Cross, Empty Tomb, and Banquet, we eat and drink and remember, giving thanks for the love Jesus poured out on all whom he met. And in our remembering we sing the mystery of faith:

(MV #204 tune: Kingsfold)

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

Transforming God, you call us to share the Banquet of faith with long time friends and new acquaintances.

Pour out your Spirit on this table and these people. May the presence of the Spirit make this meal an occasion of transformation for we who gather to eat it together. And the people all sang:

(MV #205 tune: Kingsfold)

Amen, amen, O Holy One!

Hosanna and amen!

Amen, amen, O Holy One!

Hosanna and amen!

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

Prayer after Communion:

Day by day, God will lead us:

to those pools of peace where we can gather with friends and strangers.

Day by day, Jesus will call us:

to give ourselves in service, and to anoint others with hope.

Day by day, the Spirit shows us:

the people we might be, the community we might become.

And let all God's people say:

Amen!

***HYMN #481 VU Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: Taps (Traditional CGIT closing)

Day is done. Gone the sun.

From the sea, from the hills, from the sky.

All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

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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: Kaye Lister

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Loraine Ward

Trustees On Duty (May): Jim Merrill and Allan Parlee

Sunday School: Krista Tupling and Deborah Knorr

The UCW has dedicated the bulletin this week in memory of all past UCW members. As well, flowers in the Church today are placed by the UCW in celebration of all women of the congregation.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., May 10th - 11:00 am- Worship Service (Holy Communion)

3:00 pm - Rev. Kelly - Pine Grove Communion

Wed., May 13th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see below)

Sun., May 17th - 11:00 am - Worship Service (Vivian Ni playing piano)

Sat., May 23rd - 8:00 am - Yard Sale

Sun., May 24th - 11:00 am - Worship Service + Coffee Hour

Thur., May 28th - 6:00 pm - NMUC Yard Clean-Up

Sun., June 7th - 11:00 am - Worship Service + Baptism,

Confirmation & Transfer of Membership

U.C.W. will meet on Wed., May 13th at 7 pm in the home of Loraine Ward, (64 Kindle Court, Nasonworth). New members would be very welcome. Call Dorothy at 457-9795 for more info.

JOINING THE CHURCH??

Are you interested in becoming a member of New Maryland United? Maybe you are relatively new here, or maybe you have been part of the community for years, but haven't gotten around to becoming a full member. We will be having a special service of Baptism, Confirmation and Reception of new members in early June, and we would love to officially welcome you into the fullness of this family of faith! Please see Rev Kelly for more info.

GREEN COMMITTEE – Instant planter – poke holes in the bottom of an old drawer, fill with soil and plant your favourite flowers.

GIANT YARD SALE & BAKE TABLE – The Men's Club is planning for a **Giant Yard Sale on May 23, 2015 from 8 am to 12 noon** at our Church. **Note:** You can drop off items to the Church on Friday evening, **May 22nd**. If you have the time and a fair price, please feel free to price your own articles. Pricing labels will be available at church office.

FOOD BANK: For the month of **May** we will focus on pasta sauce (all types). However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. As well, they are collecting egg cartons and clean plastic bags.

Spring cleaning your kitchen cupboards? Why not donate some of your **extra mugs** to the **Community Kitchen!** This excellent community service that our church has supported for decades is in real need of some extra mugs. For health safety reasons, we do ask that the mugs be free from chips or cracks. Bring them in to church and we will make sure they are delivered. With many thanks!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (183 Gibson St.), will be hosting a **"4th COMMUNITY DAY"**, June 6th, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please plan to join us for a **"Yard Sale, Breakfast 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m., Silent Auction & Car Wash"**. Lots of fun for everyone (door prizes for children) and we will be kicking off our Mission and Outreach Project – **"But-A-Night"** in support of the Fredericton Homeless Shelters.

