

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016    11 am  
LENT I: THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this joyous 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. Lenten grace and peace to you!

## Thought for Meditation:

*We are all better when we are loved.*

*Alistair MacLean*

## 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 LENTEN CANDLES

### \*INTROIT: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (#121 VU v.1)

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,  
in your death we are re-born,  
though you die in all of history,  
still you rise with every morn,  
still you rise with every morn.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** God's steadfast love extends to the heavens!

**People:** God's faithfulness to the skies!

**Leader:** How precious is God's faithfulness to us.

**People:** All may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.

**Leader:** Come, let us worship the Lord our God, together.

### \*HYMN# 372 VU **Though I May Speak**

## **OPENING PRAYER (Unison):**

**Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share your love with us this day, that we may better love one another. Touch our hearts and help our love shine forth in a world hungry to know such care. This we ask in the name of Jesus who taught us to 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.**

## **CHILDREN'S HYMN#577 VU I've Got Peace Like A River v.3**

**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT TREE:** *But the fruit of the Spirit is **LOVE**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

Galatians 5:22-23

## **CHILDREN'S HYMN#577 VU I've Got Peace Like A River v.3**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERING & OFFERTORY All That We Have (From Gather )**

**All that we have and all that we offer,**

**Comes from a heart both frightened and free.**

**Take what we bring now and give what we need.**

**All done in his name.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1Corinthians 13:1-3**

**SERMON: *On Pierced Ears and a Late Supper: That Which Love Prompts***

**ANTHEM: *Seed, Scattered And Sown***

**D.Feiten/ arr: Gunnison/Miller**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE INVITATION

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

### **\*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 arose 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 PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God!

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

Let us pray:

It is indeed a good and joyful thing to give thanks and praise to you who gave us life, and love us; you who will welcome us home. And so we join with all things created in heaven and on earth in recognizing your glory. We magnify your name as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of love and power,**

**All creation speaks of your glory!**

**Blessed are you who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

We thank you for Jesus, who lived a life of radical love. He shows us still that our life is a holy gift and meant to be shared; and that our response is to be Yes, a resounding Yes! Yes to life, to love, to justice and to peace. And he taught us this by sitting down at a table....

### **The Words of Institution**

It was on the same night in which he was betrayed.... [*the narrative continues*]....

And so together we continue to partake in this holy meal, and in so doing, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

And now may your Holy Spirit rest upon your people, and upon these gifts of the Table of Love: wheat of the field and fruit of the vine; and may we all be filled. Amen.

-----*We share the Love Feast*-----

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Sung Response: O God We Call (411 VU)**

**O God we call, O God we call,  
From deep inside we yearn,  
From deep inside we yearn,  
From deep inside we yearn, for you.**

**Leader:** You desire truth in my inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**People:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Leader:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**People:** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**Leader:** O Lord, open our lips and our mouths will declare your praise.

**People:** The Lord creates in us clean hearts. God puts new and right spirits within us. We are not cast away from the presence of the Holy One. In Christ we are restored to the joy of God's salvation. Thanks be to God!

## THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

**Leader:** Even as the days grow longer,

**People:** Jesus' time grows short.

**[the first purple candle is extinguished]**

**Leader:** Even as the Christ-light shines, the world tries to hide the light of Love.

**People:** But we will not let our Love be hidden.

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Take, O Take Me As I Am (#85 MV)**

**Take, O take me as I am;**

**summon out what I shall be;**

**set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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:** Maxine and Shirley MacConnell

**Tellers This Week:** Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

**Trustees On Duty (Feb):** Jim Merrill and Lloyd Penney

**Sunday School:** Deborah Knorr and Sarah Loftus     **Nursery:** Lorna Ball

*The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory  
of Dawn Watson by husband Bob.*

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sun., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent I**

**Mon., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am - Outreach – Christ Church Cathedral**  
**1:00 pm - Lenten Bible Study (see below)**

**Wed., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see below)**

**Sun., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> - 11:00 am – Worship Service – Lent II**

**Sun., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent III**

### **Our Lenten Study this year is entitled "**Gather, Talk, Eat: The Sacred Act of Sharing Meals**"**

What would you choose to be your last meal? Where would you eat it?

With whom would you like to share your table?

Lent, with its ancient emphasis on fasting and silence, may seem like an odd time to pursue such a focus as gathering together around food and conversation. But that is exactly what I am proposing. We will reflect on holy stories- scriptural and otherwise - that centre around a meal, a recipe, and life together as God's people. Please join us as you are able,

**Mondays at 1 pm (100 Berkley Dr, New Maryland, Forbes subdivision, off Crown) 470-9634**

### **Volunteers Needed**

The **Outreach Committee** is looking for volunteers who would be willing to make sandwiches for the **Cathedral Outreach Program** that our church supports. It involves making 2 loaves of egg salad sandwiches once a month. If enough volunteers come forward, they will only be called upon ONCE a year! If you are interested in having your name added to the schedule please contact **Sue Morrison 458-8150**.

**U.C.W.** will start of the New Year with a **Bring and Buy** meeting on **Wed., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the home of Dorothy Webster, 215 Bradshaw Drive.

This is a week later in the month than we normally have our meetings because this year Ash Wednesday falls on our usual meeting date. This meeting will be our annual 'Bring and Buy'...so gather up those gently used items you no longer use and join us for an evening of friendship and fun! New members are very welcome. Call Dorothy at **457-9795** for more info.

### **Envelopes, Building Funds and the Accessibility Project**

The Stewards have noticed that there may be some confusion in marking church envelopes when making a contribution to the Accessibility project. Those using church envelopes to fulfill their pledges or make special contributions to the project should clearly indicate under “Special Projects” the amount, marked with an “AF” (indicating the Accessibility Fund). Since there are other “Special Projects” such as Sunday School, Memorials, Outreach, Spring Fundraiser, it is important to mark the amount with an “AF”. Some people may be placing their contributions under “Building Fund and Improvements”. If this happens, the money goes to maintaining and repairing our church building and property not the Accessibility project. Until we have fully paid for the project, the Accessibility Fund will have to be maintained under Special Projects. If you have any questions please talk to any of the Stewards or our Treasurer, Lloyd Penney.

**GREEN TIP:** Did you know that chicken feed can be used as a safe, natural cat litter and there is no dust. The price is right, as well, \$14.41 for a 25 kg. bag. The feed is called “chick finisher” or “layer crumbles” will work, too. Most any farm supply store would carry it.

At our last Official Board meeting, it was decided that NMUC would establish a **Syrian Refugee fund**. The decision was made in response to a request by the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, the Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell, "urging everyone to participate in a church-wide appeal for Syrian Refugees who are seeking relief from civil war in their country". Until the **end of February 2016**, the Canadian Government will match donations dollar for dollar. If you are interested in donating to this fund, you can use your church envelope and indicate under special funds "Syrian Refugee Fund". Please consider donating. No amount is too small. Remember until Feb 29th your donation will be matched by the Government of Canada.

**FOOD BANK** - For the month of **February**, we will focus on **canned soups (all types)**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.