

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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March 27th, 2016 11:00 am .
EASTER SUNDAY: Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord!

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

If you really want to make a friend, go to someone's house and eat with him... the people who give you their food give you their heart!
Cesar Chavez

THE GATHERING

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken from the back of the church)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

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Leader: Alleluia!!

ALL: Alleluia and amen!!

* HYMN #155 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

* ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE & THE EASTER CROSS

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

On this day of joy, O God, on this day of Resurrection and new life, we gather as your Easter people. Fill us with your Spirit, with

your life, with your hope, and with your love. This we pray in the name of the Risen Christ, 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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY (#179 VU)

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 GOSPEL LESSON: John 21:1-14

SERMON: *Easter Breakfast On The Beach: Fish, Bread & Forgiveness*

ANTHEM: *Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!*

Wren/Beethoven/Hopson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (sung responses #203, 204, 205 MV)

THE INVITATION

***HYMN #471 Eat This Bread And Never Hunger**

***A New Creed #918 VU**

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Let us give thanks!

People: Thanks and praise to the Giver of Life!

Gracious God, we raise voices hoarse from shouting alleluias,
we sing praises for the wonder of an empty tomb,
for the gift of life that breaks the bonds of death.

We sing songs of praise for the world you have given us, for the wonder
of the earth, for days and nights rippled with beauty.

All of this was from You, Holy One, gifts for us, created in your image.

**And when you saw that we had lost our way, you sent us prophets
and teachers. And finally you sent us your holy self in the person of
Jesus, to lead us from death to the very celebration of life!**

And so with the beloved and the betrayer, with the saints and sinners,
the just and the unjust, with the faithful of all time and place we sing:

[All Sing]:

Oh, 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 heaven, creation sings your praise,

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the One on whom our hearts rely. Calling us in from our labours, he offers us the meal of new life where he shares the gifts of forgiveness and grace. And so with gratitude and awe we sing:

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

---The Institution Narrative----

God of Life, send Your Spirit upon us as we gather to share this meal; infuse this bread and this cup with the Spirit's joy. May Alleluias fill our souls: For Christ who died is now alive! And our hearts sing:

**Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!**

----- *We Share the Feast* -----

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**May the meal we have shared today revive us in body and soul, and sustain us as we go out to share the Good News. Christ is Risen!
Life Wins! Alleluia and Amen!**

***HYMN # 352 VU I Danced in the Morning
BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BLESSING

**Amen (#974 VU)
A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!
A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men
A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men**

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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: Janet Merrill and Shirley MacConnell

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Merlin Tracy

Trustees On Duty (Mar): Doug Price and Dave Ward

Sunday School: Krista Tupling & Brooke-Lyn Power

LOOKING AHEAD:

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

Wed., Apr. 6th - 6:00 pm - Men's Club "Chili Night" (see below)

Mark YOUR CALENDAR for Wednesday, April 6 at 6pm for the Men's Club "Chili Night". Guest speaker will be Rod Campbell with a thriller of a story! Proceeds to go to the New Maryland Elementary School Playground Equipment Fundraiser.

U.C.W. is holding a **Bridge Luncheon** at the New Maryland Rec Centre on **Tuesday, April 26th from 12 to 3pm.** You can reserve your table of four for \$40 by calling Loraine at 455-8208.

GREEN TIP: Uses for an old umbrella: Make an instant trellis, remove the fabric from an old umbrella, insert handle in the ground to support climbing vines such as morning glories. The shape of the umbrella, covered with flowers will make a stunning display for your garden. An old umbrella, with the handle cut off, can protect food from flies when at a picnic. As well shield seedlings from frost if planted a bit early.

FOOD BANK - For the month of **March**, we will focus on **school snacks: puddings, fruit cups, granola bars or juice boxes**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

Available at the back door today:

copy of the latest edition of “The Beacon” (if you prefer a hard copy)
- the March edition of “The Observer” is available to borrow

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH - Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, the "Choral" Symphony famous for the "Ode to Joy", will be presented **Sunday April 3rd at 3:00 p.m.** at Wilmot United Church. It will be performed by the Fredericton Symphony Orchestra, the Fredericton Choral Society, and the UNB Chorale with soloists Sally Dibblee, Paula Rockwell, Colin Frotten and Paul Bustin. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 students, children 12 and under free, and are available at Reads Newsstand on King St., from members of the performing groups and at the door.

Oromocto High School presents Beauty and the Beast!

April 15 and April 16 at the OHS theatre (25 MacKenzie Ave.) at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students. This show is an all ages classic with high-energy dance numbers, musical favourites and guest performers from Summerhill Elementary School! Please see Carolyn for more information.