

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016    11 am  
LENT IV

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this 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:

If I could walk wherever,  
I know where I would go.  
From home, I would go far,  
From far, I would go home.

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## THE GATHERING

\*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: The *hesed*\* of Christ be with you! (\*hesed=loving kindness)

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

## **\*HYMN#506 VU Take My Life And Let It Be**

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

**You wait for us O God, and here we are at last, leaning into your presence, your heart, this time and space. Still our restlessness, that we can hear your voice; that we can feel your peace, and finally know that we are home. We pray now in the way of Jesus, 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: I've Got Kindness Like A River (tune #577)**

**I've got kindness like a river,**  
**I've got kindness like a river,**  
**I've got kindness like a river in my soul.**  
**I've got kindness like a river,**  
**I've got kindness like a river,**  
**I've got kindness like a river, in my soul.**

**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: I've Got Kindness Like A River**

# THE WORD OF GOD

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**ANTHEM**

**SERMON:** *Some People Make Terrible Accountants!*

**\*HYMN#578 VU As A Fire Is Meant For Burning**

**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.

**PRAYERS: HOLDING IN THE LIGHT**

**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:** God we have wandered into far countries of the soul, without ever thinking about where we are going.

**People:** We have taken your love for granted, presuming we can always find our way back to you...

**Leader:** when we really need you, that is, or when we are not too busy, or when it is more convenient.

**People:** But then we find ourselves in places we do not want to be, O God. And we wonder how we got there.

**Leader:** It is lonely there. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

**People:** Have mercy upon us, and help us to make our way home.

**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.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**Leader:** Now there is rejoicing in heaven; for we were lost, and now are found; we were dead, and are now alive in Christ Jesus. Abide in peace. The Lord has put away all our sins.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Leader: Amen!**

**\*HYMN #626 VU I heard The Voice of Jesus Say**

**THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

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

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

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

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

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

**Leader: Amen and amen.**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Take, O Take Me As I Am (#85 MV) x2**

**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:** Liz and Steve Hayward

**Tellers This Week:** Lloyd Penney and Dave Ward

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

**Sunday School:** Krista Tupling and Sarah Loftus    **Nursery:** Lorna Ball

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sun., Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent IV**

**Mon., Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm - Lenten Bible Study (see below)**

**7:00 pm - Men's Club**

**Tue., Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> - Submissions for "The Beacon" (see over)**

**Wed., Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. (see over)**

**Sun., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent V**

**Sun., Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Palm Sunday**

**Thur., Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Supper & Service**

**Fri., Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am - Good Friday Service**

**Sun., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Easter Sunday**

**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**

**THE BEACON:** Please forward any items for the church newsletter to [klister1938@gmail.com](mailto:klister1938@gmail.com) or leave them at the church office on or before **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**U.C.W.** will meet on **Wed., March 9th at 7 pm** in the home of Rev. Kelly, 100 Berkley Drive. New members always welcome. Contact Dorothy at 457-9795. (**Note:** If you would have a card table we could borrow for our Bridge Luncheon in April, would you kindly call Linda Watson at 459-3944 or the Church office at 459-3313.)

**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 \$20. Orders need to be in by **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **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 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. Llovd Pennev.

### **Notes From the Committee of Stewards:**

Total received for the Syrian Relief Fund was \$1715.00.

Total received for Mission and Service to February 29/16 \$1150.00, which includes \$325.00 from the Chili Luncheon by the Sunday School.

**Your Church Thanks You For Your Support**

**GREEN TIP:** Uses of silica gel packs that come in pill bottles, shoe boxes, etc.:

\*Store shoes in plastic news paper bags, drop in a silica pack, especially good when travelling to humid areas, put in stored suitcase to help reduce moisture.

\*Put in silverware chest to keep silverware from tarnishing, put in tackle box to help keep lures and hooks from rusting.

**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.

**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.

### **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.