

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 20th, 2016 11 am
PALM SUNDAY

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:

It was pride that turned angels into devils; It is humility that makes men as angels!
Saint Augustine

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: The peace and humility of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN#29 VU Hark The Glad Sound

OPENING PRAYER (Unison):

Holy God, you beckon us to continue our journey on the shadowy path of Lent. It is strewn now with palms and coats and mystery – but it leads to your heart. Give us courage. Give us wisdom. Give us humility, that we might dare to follow where you lead. Hear us now as we 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: I Am Humble Like A Donkey(tune #577)

I am humble like a donkey,

I am humble like a donkey,

I am humble like a donkey, in-a my soul.

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I am humble like a donkey,

I am humble like a donkey, in-a my soul.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT TREE: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **HUMILITY** (gentleness) and self control/mercy. Galatians 5:22-23*

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11

ANTHEM: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* John Carter

SERMON: *How To Plan A Parade: Step 1: Pilfer a Donkey....*

*HYMN#124 VU He Came Riding On A Donkey

THE RESPONSE

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: Choir

Leader: Lord, we do not truly understand the ways of Jesus: his way of sacrifice, and letting go, his way of humility over power.

People: We are more familiar with the ways of the world: the power of money and position, and the influence they wield.

Leader: When we hunger after such power for ourselves, forgive us, O God.

People: Forgive us, and help us to choose differently. Let humility and gentleness flow from us instead.

Leader: For you who chose donkeys and fishermen, nameless women and cheats, you also choose...us.

People: So gather up our humble and contrite hearts, O God. 3.

Leader: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
gather us in, and have mercy upon us.

Sung Response: *Choir*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Behold, the Humble Lamb of God has taken away the sins of
the world.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Amen!

***HYMN #127 VU Ride On! Ride On In Majesty! (alt tune)**

THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

Leader: Even as the days grow longer,

People: Jesus' time grows short.

[the sixth purple candle is extinguished]

Leader: Even as the Christ-light shines, the world tries to downplay his
Humility.

People: But we will not let that gentleness 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.

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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: Sue, Paul and Wendy Morrison

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

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

Sunday School: Sheila Power & Brodie Power **Nursery:** Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Mar. 21st - 8:00 am - Outreach - Christ Church Cathedral

Thur., Mar. 24th - 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Supper & Service

Fri., Mar. 25th - 10:00 am - Good Friday Service

Sun., Mar. 27th - 9:30 am – 10:30 am – Continental Breakfast

11:00 am - Worship Service – Easter Sunday

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

The **Mens 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 - 10:30 am.** (Menu includes a delicious assortment of hot cross buns, biscuits, scones & muffins and fruit & cheese and coffee/tea.)

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 dental floss: Dental floss is strong and resilient but slender making it ideal to use as thread for repairing outdoor items such as umbrellas, tents, backpacks and sports equipment. Use instead of wire or string to hang pictures, wind chimes sun catchers, etc. Dental floss may be helpful in separating photos that have stuck together by working a length of floss between the pictures.

<p>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.</p>
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Available at the back door today:

- your Easter letter
- a copy of the latest edition of "The Beacon"
(you can also find the latest NMUC newsletter on our website www.newmarylandunited.ca)
- 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.