

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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Stories Along The Way: Lent V

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

There's a story behind everything. How a picture got on a wall. How a scar got on your face. Sometimes the stories are simple, and sometimes they are hard and heartbreaking. They circle round each other. But behind all your stories is always your mother's story, because hers is where yours begin.

Mitch Albom

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE #161 MV I Have Called You By Your Name

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body, given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

**I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

Introit: There Is Room For All, #62 MV

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all, There is room for all.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

OPENING PRAYER (based on *Song of Faith*, 1.0)

Leader: You, who are Holy Mystery, are beyond complete knowledge.

People: Yet, in love, you seek relationship.

Leader: And so you created the universe,

People: and with it the possibility of being and relating.

Leader: Companion us on this Lenten Way,

People: that we might see Christ in the stories we tell, and the songs we hear,

Leader: and in these words he 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.**

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 5: 21-43

MUSIC: # 619 VU Healer Of Our Every Ill

**Healer of our every ill,
Light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**1. You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts (Refrain)**

**2. In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love (Refrain)**

**3. Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide (Refrain)**

**4. You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. (Refrain)**

SERMON:

MUSIC: *The Clean Edge Of Change* Carrie Newcomer

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (Kyrie Eleison #67 MV)

THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

Leader: Our Lenten journey has begun, and the light begins to fade....

[The fifth purple candle is snuffed]

but there is light enough;

People: light enough to show us that every now and then,

Leader: every *glorious* now and then, a miracle does happen.

People: A wonder; a sign...

Leader: That the One is among us still, who welcomes all our stories, all our hard, whole truths. And calls us Beloved. Amen and amen.

***CHORAL BLESSING: Don't Be Afraid** (#90 MV)

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,

my love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,

and I have promised, promised to be always near.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: 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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Screening Questions: Tina Glenn

Recording Names: Sandra Cook

Ushering: Jim Merrill

Trustees On Duty (Mar): Jim Merrill and Doug Price

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Mar. 22nd - 1:00 pm - Lenten Study (see below)

Sun., Mar. 28th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Palm Sunday

Fri., April 2 - 10:00 am - Good Friday Service

Sun., April 4 11:00 am - Easter Sunday Service

Something to Consider this Lent: Join me for: *Conversations on Being Human*. Mondays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, starting February 22nd and running for 6 weeks, via Zoom. Please contact me at 470-9634 or revkelly08@gmail.com if you are interested, and I will send you the link. Never tried Zoom? We can walk you through that! You can also join in by phone if that seems better for you. If that does not feel possible for you, but you are still interested, each week I can send you out some gathering words/ a sacred story/ questions and you can share with us that way. We will use the scripture from the Sunday prior as a jumping off place. For Feb. 22nd then, we will ponder our growing edges, stories about starting a new thing, and see where it all takes us.

LENDING LIBRARY - To keep everyone as safe as possible, we ask that, when returning books, you place them in a bag, with a note as to the date, and leave them on the bottom shelf of the library (it is marked for you.) Books will be set aside for 4 days before being put into circulation. Thank you all, and happy, healthy reading!

Jigsaw Puzzle Library - Just a reminder that we have a lovely selection of jigsaw puzzles in the choir room. They are available to anyone who would like to borrow them. A great way to pass the time in the cold winter months. Donations of puzzles are greatly appreciated. Kindly put date of return on

puzzles when returning them so they can be set aside for required time before being put back into circulation.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

For the month of **March**, we will focus on **boxed cereals (any size)**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

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GREETER SIGN UP SHEET – Just a reminder that there is a “Greeter Schedule” posted at the back door. During “Covid-19” we have new greeter roles to fill. We’d love to have you help out. *Three people are required each Sunday: someone asking the screening questions; someone recording the names; and someone ushering. As well, volunteers are required for cleaning following the service.* If you would like to volunteer to in one of these roles some Sunday morning, kindly fill in your name by that particular Sunday or call the Church office at 459-3313. Thanks!

MEN’S CLUB – On **Wed., March 24th at 1:00 pm**, the Men’s Club is getting together for lunch at Wetmore’s. This is open to all men of the congregation. Please advise Keith Ball (**455-1948**) or David Ward (**455-8208**) as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

STORM NOTICE

In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, but **not before 8:30 am**.

1. E-mail notification: If you have e-mail, this is the most direct method.
2. Radio Stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL
3. Website: <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/> It will be on the Home Page.
4. The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).

