

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021    11 am  
Stories Along The Way: PALM SUNDAY / Lent VI

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:

*Story, as it turns out, was crucial to our evolution – more so than opposable thumbs. Opposable thumbs let us hang on; story told us what to hang on to.*

Lisa Cron

## THE GATHERING

### 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.**

## **HYMN # 123 VU Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

**1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,**

**the happy children sang,**

**through pillared court and temple**

**the joyful anthem rang.**

**To Jesus, who had blessed them**

**close folded to his breast,**

**the children sang their praises,**

**the simplest and the best.**

**2. From Olivet they followed**

**‘mid an exultant crowd,**

**the victory palm branch waving,**

**and singing clear and loud.**

**The Lord of earth and heaven**

**rode on in lowly state,**

content that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

3. “Hosanna in the highest!”

That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
earth, let your anthems ring.

O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his humble presence  
eternally rejoice!

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21: 1-17**

**HYMN #128 VU Sanna, Sannanina** (trad. S. African for Hosanna)

**SERMON: *The Unexpected Jesus***

**MUSIC: Moon Joyce: *Abide*** Carrie Newcomer

## T H E R E S P O N S E

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

**Leader:** Our Lenten journey is almost done, and the light is surely  
fading....

*[The sixth – and last - purple candle is snuffed]*

there is just light enough;

**People:** just light enough to show us the path that looms ahead, still  
strewn with palms, and uncertainty.

**Leader:** And so the question hangs in the air: Are we willing to stay the  
course, to abide with the One who abides with us still? 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.

3.

## 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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.*

Screening Questions: Pam Campbell

Recording Names: Rod Campbell

Ushering: Marg Frenette

Trustees On Duty (Mar): J. Merrill & D. Price (Apr): D.Ward

### LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 pm - Lenten Study – Final Day

Fri., Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10:00 am - Good Friday Service

Sun., Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Easter Sunday Worship with  
Holy Communion

### EASTER NOTES:

*Your Easter letter is available for pick up today in the main foyer.*

*Due to COVID protocols we ask that you let us know ahead that you are planning to come to worship on Easter Sunday. Please call the Church office (459-3313) or Rev. Kelly (470-9634).*

**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!

4.

**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.

**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!

### **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.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH** will be hosting a “**Chicken Breast TAKEOUT Dinner**” on **Wed., April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Delivery is available. Please call 457-1951 to order your dinner. Cost is \$15 (Adult).

**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH** is accepting applications for a 30-35 hr/wk Church Administrator position beginning May 3, 2021. For further info see our bulletin board in the main foyer.

