

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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EASTER 7

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 Alleluia to you all!

## Thought for Meditation:

*We've forgotten that a rich life consists fundamentally of serving others, trying to leave the world a little better than you found it. We need the courage to question the powers that be; the courage to be impatient with evil and patient with people; the courage to fight for social justice. We may be stepping out on nothing, and just hoping to land on something.*

Cornell West

## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### INTROIT: #409 VU Morning Has Broken v.1

Morning has broken like the first morning.

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,

Praise for them springing fresh from the word.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Christ is risen!

**People:** Christ is risen indeed!

**Leader:** Let us worship together!

## **OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Leader:** God of every new beginning, be with us now. Open us to your presence:

**People:** As surprising as a way in the wilderness; as jarring as your word.

**Leader:** Open us to pathways among us and between us;

**People:** To the demands of angels and strangers;

**Leader:** To streams of living water;

**People:** To every sign of your Spirit.

God of every beginning, help us to begin again. This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One, who asked his friends to 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.**

## **HYMN#142 MV Oh A Song Must Rise**

**Chorus:**

**Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.**

**Oh a song must rise once again.**

**Singing out God's praises and glory,  
the faithful voices blend,**

**Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.**

- 1. From the mountains to the valleys,  
from the desert to the sea,  
a song must rise once again.**

**From the voices of our leaders,  
the voice of you and me,  
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. (Chorus)**

**2. From poverty and riches,  
from the voice of young and old,  
a song must rise once again.  
From the free and the imprisoned,  
the timid and the bold,  
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. (Chorus)**

**3. From every house of worship,  
in every faith and tongue,  
a song must rise once again.  
From the villages and cities  
a new song must be sung,  
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. (Chorus)**

## **T H E   W O R D   O F   G O D**

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 8: 26-40**

**SERMON: *On Really Good Questions***

**MUSIC: Moon Joyce: *Room at the Table***

**Carrie Newcomer**

## **T H E   R E S P O N S E**

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN#171 MV Christ Has No Body Now But Yours, (vv. 1,2, and 4)**

**Refrain:**

**Christ has no body now but yours,  
no hands but yours.**

**Here on this earth, yours is the work,  
to serve with the joy of compassion.**

**1. No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,  
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,  
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope  
of the people of God. R.**

**2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,  
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;  
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy  
of the city of God. R.**

**4. Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need;  
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,  
with ev'ry gift a benediction be  
to the people of God. R.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

### **CHORAL BLESSING: #213 MV Take Up His Song**

**Take up his song of peace, and go into the world.**

**Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.**

**In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;**

**Lay them down in peace, lay them down, and take up his song.**

## **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: Sandra Cook**

**Ushering: Rod Campbell**

**Tellers This Week: Tina Glenn and Ann Urquhart**

**Trustees On Duty (May): Ann Urquhart and Doug Price**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - We are in need of two (2) or more individuals to serve on the Committee of Stewards. If you feel you could help in this area, please contact **David Ward at 455-8208.**

**GRADUATES** – If you are graduating or know of someone within our church family who is graduating this year from high school, college, or university, please give the office a call (459-3313) or let Rev. Kelly know.

**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 **May**, we will focus on **juice boxes**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

**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!

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH** (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a **Yard Sale & Bake Sale on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 8 am–12 noon.** Rain or shine and Covid Protocols will be followed.