

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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April 23, 2017 11 am
Earth Sunday

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself. Grace and peace to you all.

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Be the change you want to see in the world. Mahatma Gandhi

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

***INTROIT: Christ is Alive (#158 VU)**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. John 1:3

People: By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are

visible. Heb. 11:3

Leader: Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands. Ps. 119:90

People: Surely My hand founded the earth, And My right hand spread out the heavens; When I call to them, they stand together. Is. 48:13

Leader: May you be blessed of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth. Ps. 115:15

HYMN #30 MV It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

OPENING PRAYER: O God our Creator, who has entrusted us with your great creation. We have been so unworthy of this trust, but being such a loving God, you forgive and continue to give us so many blessings. We thank you, and pray that we will hear and listen to your still small voice, and be the custodians that you want us to be. Now we humbly pray,

**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 #8 MV And On This Path

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1: selected verses

SERMON *On Earth As It Is In Heaven*

ANTHEM *“Look at the World”* J. Rutter

HYMN #41 MV O Beautiful Gaia

THE RESPONSE

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SKIT BY GREEN COMMITTEE *“God’s Take on Lawn Care”*

OFFERING & OFFERTORY Deep in Our Hearts 154 MV

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #226 VU** For the Beauty of the Earth

BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BLESSING:** Go, Make a Diff’rence (209 MV)

Go make a diff’rence.

We can make a diff’rence.

Go make a diff’rence in the world.

Go make a diff’rence. We can make a diff’rence.

Go make a diff’rence in the world.

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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. Jane Johnson at 440-9981.

Greeters This Week: Shirley and Maxine MacConnell

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

Trustees On Duty (Apr): Lloyd Penney and Jim Merrill

The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of Paul Lister (1939-2014) by his wife Kaye Lister.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., Apr. 26th - 1:00 pm - Quilters

Sun., Apr. 30th - 11:00 am - Worship Service

Tue., May 2nd - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Sat., May 6th - 8:00 am-noon – Yard Sale & Bake Sale

GREEN TIP: Uses for Wood Ashes (*by Mark Feirer of This Old House*)

De-skunk pets. A handful rubbed on Fido's coat neutralizes lingering odour.

Today is Earth Day. Come and have a look at the display the Green Committee has prepared for this special day.

NOTE: If you would like to send a card to Rev. Kelly during her time away, her mailing address is Rev. Kelly Burke, 100 Berkley Drive, New Maryland, NB E3C 1C3

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The **Men's Group** along with the **U.C.W.** are having a **Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 6th, 2017** at the church. Donations of articles for the sale (excluding **adult clothing and electronics**) will be accepted. If pick up is required, please advise Keith Ball or David Ward to make the necessary arrangements. Items can be dropped off this week **Tues-Thurs (10 am-noon)** plus all day Friday (**beginning at 8:30 am**).

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **April**, we will focus on **canned vegetables**. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

GREETER SIGN UP SHEET – Just a reminder that there is a “Greeter Schedule” posted at the back door. If you or your family would like to volunteer to be greeters some Sunday morning that would be convenient for you, kindly fill in your name by that particular Sunday! Thanks!

BULLETIN DEDICATION - Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday bulletin to celebrate a family event, special day, or memorial can do so by contacting the Church secretary at 459-3313. The cost is \$20.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH - UCW Bridge Luncheon

Book your table now for our upcoming Bridge Luncheon. **Thursday, May 11th, at 12 noon**. At the Nashwaaksis United Church gym. Tables are \$40.00. Contact Connie – 472-4744

FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH -There will be a **Roast Beef Supper and Bake Sale** at Forest Hill United Church from **4- 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 13th**. Prices for the meal are \$13 for adults, \$6 for those ages 6–12, and those 5 and under, are free. Celiac meals and take-outs will be available. The meal area is wheelchair accessible.