

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

875 Route 101 Hwy. Nasonworth, NB E3C 2C1 Phone:506-459-3313
Minister: The Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke, B.A., M.Div, D.Min Office Administrator: Lorna Ball
Musical Director: Lynda-Jean Coffin, B.A, B.Ed., Music

May 13th, 2018 11 am
EASTER 7

GIVING THANKS FOR ALL THE WOMEN WHO HAVE NURTURED US!

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

There were days and deliveries where I couldn't believe it either, but this was, and will always be, the most commonplace of miracles: Helping to bring life into the world is an event at once familiar and phenomenal, timeless and immediate, briefly making angels of us all.

From: Call The Midwife

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 CHRIST CANDLE**

***Introit: Come In, Come In And Sit Down, #395 VU (chorus, v4, chorus)**

**Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.
God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family.
Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia and Amen!!

***HYMN#315 VU Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Holy God,

People: **Mother and Father of us all,**

Leader: We give you thanks for our families;

People: **For mothers and stepmothers and foster mothers;**

Leader: For grandmothers and aunts;

People: **For teachers and leaders and neighbours;**

Leader: For all those who have been like mothers to us.

People: **We thank you for their love and care, their strength and courage, their guidance and wisdom.**

Leader: We ask that you continue to bless the women in our midst, and all those who have imparted their grace and understanding to us.

People: **May we know you, O God, in the ways you have mothered us.**

Leader: Just as Jesus wanted to gather the people of Jerusalem - the way a mother hen gathers her chicks- so too we know that you long to gather us up.

People: **Guide us back when we forget the way; call us with your voice of love, O God.**

Leader: And remind us of your expectations:

People: **That we will welcome the stranger, stand up to injustice, and bind up the broken hearted.**

Leader: And now we pray as Mary's Son 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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #226 VU For The Beauty Of The Earth v.1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN #226 VU For The Beauty Of The Earth v.3

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#191 MV x 2)

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 1:8-20

**SERMON: *On Midwives Fierce, Faithful and Funny: The Unsung Heroes
On Mother's Day***

ANTHEM: *The Upper Room*

Besig/Price

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

***HYMN#460 VU All Who Hunger**

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

3.

**the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of Love, God of Growth, we give thanks for the abundance of our lives.

**For the glory of the earth, for food on our tables, for the love of
family and the love of neighbours.**

For the promise of hope in a world given to despair, for the possibility of
peace in a world that threatens violence,

For this, and so much more, we offer our thanks and praise.

We remember the stories of our forebears in the faith, people like Sarah and
Hagar, Miriam and Esther, Shiphrah and Puah.

**We lift up the countless saints who have gone before us to teach us
the ways of your people.**

And so we lift our voices, singing together the praises of the ages:

Oh, holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise,

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

4.

We give thanks for Jesus, the One we call Christ.

Child of Mary, Child of Grace, he came to teach us about the wonders of your love. Sharing a table, a meal, with absolutely anyone and everyone, he showed us what the Great Banquet of Life could look like. And as we gather now, at this table, we remember another table, long ago, and far away....

[the Institution Narrative continues]

And so, God of Cross, Empty Tomb, and Banquet, we eat and drink and remember. And in our remembering, we sing the mystery of our faith:

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!***

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!***

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of this table, and upon these your people. And may we all be transformed. And all the people sang:

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

~~~~~ *We share the Feast* ~~~~~

### **The Prayer After Communion:**

Day by day, God will lead us:

**To the places of holy encounter; the places of daring and courage.**

Day by day, Jesus will call us:

**To give ourselves in service; to offer ourselves in love.**

Day by day, the Spirit shows us:

**The people we might be; the community we might become.**

And all God's people said:

**AMEN!**

**\*HYMN #12 MV Come Touch Our Hearts**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others, so all the world can see,  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
A-a-men. A-a-men. A-a-a-men.**

**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. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.*

**Trustees On Duty (May): Jim Merrill and Ann Urquhart**

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., May 14<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am - Outreach goes to Christ Church Cathedral  
1:30 pm - Session Meeting  
Tue., May 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting  
Sun., May 20<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service  
Tue., May 29<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting**

**UPDATE:** The **Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library** will be housed in the choir gown room on the right hand side of the Sanctuary (Kelly's old office space). Just help yourself to any you would like to borrow and return when finished. Donations appreciated and can be left in this room.

**CHURCH PROPERTY CLEAN-UP** – Please be advised that the Men’s Club is organizing a Church Property clean-up on **Thurs., May 24<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30 pm**. All are welcome to help out. Please bring your own rake!

**GRADUATES** - On **Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**, we will be celebrating graduation for members of our New Maryland United Church family. If you have any family member graduating this year, please give Lorna the details of who is graduating and from where.

**GREEN TIP:** High chairs often need a good cleaning and baking soda is up for the challenge. Wipe down with a solution of 4 to 5 tablespoons of soda to 1 quart of water. Stubborn stains may require a paste of soda and water. Remember, the Mr. Clean Eraser is very carcinogenic, do not use around children.

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE** - For the month of **May**, we will focus on **pasta or pasta sauces**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for plastic grocery bags as well as we use them for packing our food hampers.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY – Book Sale May 17/ 18<sup>th</sup>** at **King’s Place**. For more info contact Allen Parlee at 459-8007.

**OROMOCTO HIGH SCHOOL** is performing the musical *Guys and Dolls*. Show dates are **Wed., May 16, Thurs., May 17** and **Fri., May 18** at **7:00pm** the school’s theatre. Tickets are available at the school or through Maxine MacConnell (357-1814). Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors.

**FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH** is celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary with a “**Hymn Sing & Concert**” on **May 27<sup>th</sup>** at **7 pm**. See our bulletin board for further details.

**NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH  
OUTREACH COMMITTEE  
CLOTHING DRIVE**

It's that time of year again, we invite you to clean out your closets and join us in supporting the Association for Community Living. We will be accepting donations of gently used, clean clothing and footwear for the entire month of May.

Donations may be dropped off at the church during the week or on Sundays. We can also arrange pick-ups for those that are not able to drop off items themselves.

The New Brunswick Association For Community Living (NBACL) is a provincial non-profit organization that works on behalf of children and adults with intellectual disabilities. They work to ensure that people with intellectual disabilities, with the support of their families, have the option to choose the supports they need to live meaningful lives and participate in their communities as valued and contributing members. Donating clothing is one way the Association raises funds to support their initiatives.