

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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EASTER 4: CELEBRATING EARTH DAY: GOD'S GLORIOUS CREATION

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:

The universe is an inexhaustible celebration of ultimate mystery!

Brian Swimme

THE GATHERING

*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, v1, 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.

**You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain,
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, 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# 30 MV It's A Song of Praise To The Maker**

OPENING PRAYER (Based on the words of St. Patrick)

Leader: With the glory of the Resurrection still stirring within us, O God, we arise and gather as your Easter people.

People: We arise today through the strength of heaven, light of sun, radiance of moon,

Leader: through the splendour of fire, speed of lightening, swiftness of wind,

People: through the depth of sea, stability of earth, firmness of rock.

Leader: We arise and gather through the might and wonder of the Resurrected One, who taught us 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.

ANTHEM: *If I Were A Butterfly*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 13: 1-9, 14-18

SERMON: *Walking The Land*

***HYMN# #41 MV O Beautiful Gaia (Mother Earth)**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#179 VU)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A LITANY FOR EARTH DAY:

We live by the sun, we move with the stars.

We rejoice in all life.

We eat from the earth. We drink from the rain. We breathe from the air.

We rejoice in all life.

We share the earth with all creatures, and will be mindful of their gifts.

We rejoice in all life.

We depend upon the forests, and they have much to teach us.

We rejoice in all life.

We have the privilege of seeing and understanding. We have the responsibility of caring. We have the joy of celebrating!

We rejoice in all life.

We are full of the grace of creation. And we give thanks!

We rejoice in all life. Amen!

***HYMN #296 VU This Is God's Wondrous World**

***BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL BLESSING**

Amen (#974 VU)

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Allan and Rachel Grant

Trustees On Duty (Apr): Doug Price and Lloyd Penney

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Apr. 22nd - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Earth Sunday

Tue., Apr. 24th - 7:00 pm - Outreach Committee Meeting

Sun., Apr. 29th - 11:00 am - Worship Service

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library

We have had such success with our book library, members of our church decided it would be fun to have a jigsaw puzzle lending library as well. Looking for donations of adult jigsaw puzzles (all pieces still there, please) and the rules will be the same as with our book library...take what interests you, keep as long as you need to complete it, and bring it back when you are done! Donations can be left on the bench in the upper foyer of the church and a permanent area for this library will be organized in the weeks ahead. **Contact Dorothy at 457-9795 for more details.**

GREEN TIP: Recipe for getting grease off cupboards:

1 T. baking soda; ½ T. dish soap; ½ T. water

Make a paste in a small bowl. Use a rag or microfibre cloth & rub gently on small areas. Wash thoroughly to remove all baking soda. Dry. **4.**

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **April**, we will focus on **school snacks: puddings, fruit cups, granola bars or juice boxes**. 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

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH is holding a “**Rummage Sale**” on **Friday, April 27 from 3-6 pm and Saturday, April 28th from 9 am to noon**. Something for everyone including spring & summer clothing, toys, books, linens, kitchen utensils & dishes, footwear, home décor, some electronics, tools & furniture.

UCW Bridge Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, May 3rd, at 12 noon at NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH (46 Main St.)** Please contact Connie—472-4744 to reserve your table at a cost of \$40. Hope to see you all there!

The **UCW of ST. PAUL’S UNITED CHURCH (corner of George & York Sts., Fredericton)** will be hosting a **BRIDGE LUNCHEON** on **Saturday, May 5th at 12 noon**. Reserve your table for \$48.00 or \$12.00 per person, by telephoning Isabel Green at 459-7116. Enjoy a delicious lunch, door prizes, and your favorite pastime!

OROMOCTO UNITED CHURCH (144 Winnabago St)
“Spring Turkey Supper” May 5th 2018 4 pm—6 pm
Adults \$14.00 Children under 12 - \$ 6.00 Pre-schoolers – Free
Everyone Welcome

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH will hold a “**Tea and Artist Show & Sale**” on **Saturday, May 12th between 11 am and 2 pm**. Come and enjoy an elegant tea featuring fancy sandwiches and dainty sweets along with an exhibition and sale of fine arts and crafts. Admission \$10. For advance tickets, call 458-1066.