

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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April 23rd, 2023 11 am
EASTER 3

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:

*The Arabs used to say, when a stranger appears at your door,
feed him for three days before asking who he is,
where he's come from, where he's headed.*

That way, he'll have strength enough to answer.

Or, by then you'll be such good friends you don't care.

Naomi Shihab Nye from her poem *Red Brocade*

T H E G A T H E R I N G

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT #122 MV This Is The Day

This is the day that God has made, we will rejoice and be glad.

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Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Let us worship together!

HYMN #224 VU Sing A Happy Hallelujah

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: O God, with the mystery of the Resurrection, with new life stirring within us, we gather as your Easter people,

People: **And we are joyful to be here.**

Leader: In this time together, O God, may 'our hearts burn within us,'

People: **as we recognize you in our very midst!**

Leader: This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen 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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #958 VU Halle, Halle, Halle

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24: 13-49

ANTHEM: *Be Not afraid*

B. Dufford/D.Wagner arr.

SERMON: *Finding The Holy: On Talking Along The Way And Breaking Bread*

HYMN # 166 VU Joy Comes With The Dawn

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#179 VU, chorus/v.2/ chorus)

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 CELTIC RESURRECTION PRAYER LITANY:

The path we walk, O Christ, walk with us.

And hear our stories of challenge and joy along the way.

Protect us wherever we find ourselves, in times of faith and times of doubt.

And may we learn the grace of giving voice to our needs.

As the Ancients have taught us, may we know – and may we offer to one another:

A hand to clasp in the darkness, companionship in times of worry;

And in so doing, may light kindle the darkness;

And in so doing, may we know your presence with us, Christ.

For the Kingdom of God is not a destination,

but a way ever walked,

and it is walked by those who meet the Risen Christ

as a surprising stranger to be welcomed in. AMEN!

HYMN #213 VU Rejoice, The Lord Is King

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: Amen (#974 VU)

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

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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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Kaye Lister

Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster and Myrna Belyea-Tracy

Trustee On Duty (Apr): Jim Merrill

The bulletin today is dedicated in memory of Paul Lister (1939-2014). Lovingly remembered by Kaye.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., Apr. 26th - 1:30 pm - CPR/AED Refresher Session (see below)

Wed., May 3rd - 1:30 pm - Men's Club Meeting

CPR/AED Refresher Session: Wed., Apr. 26 at 1:30 pm.

Some years ago the church purchased a defibrillator (AED). It is stationed in the entryway, across from the lift. At that time, Roz Thompson, a Registered Nurse, came and gave us a lesson in CPR and instruction on how to use the AED in case of an emergency. It's time for a re-fresher! There are spaces for 15 of us. If there is greater interest we will hold a second session. Cost is \$10 per person.

YARD SALE - The Men's Club in partnership with UCW will be having a **Yard Sale on Saturday, May 13th from 7:30 to 12:00** at the **New Maryland Rec Center**. You can drop off items on Friday, May 12th from 1- 8:00 pm. Please start putting things aside for this event. Unfortunately, no donations of clothing or electronics will be accepted. **If you are able to help with this event, please contact Dave Ward (455-8208) or Keith Ball (455-1948).**

CHURCH BULLETINS - Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday bulletin (\$20), please contact the church office (459-3313). We encourage everyone to consider being a sponsor as it off sets the cost of our weekly bulletins. **There is a sign up sheet (up to end of August) posted on the bulletin board in the foyer if you'd like to sponsor a bulletin for a particular day.**

Church Offering

Anyone wanting a church envelope number (an annual tax receipt is issued for all contributions) or anyone interested in signing up for PAR (pre-approved remittance – where monthly contributions can be made to the church through your bank), please contact Sue Morrison (458-8150) or smorriso@unb.ca.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE:

Currently there is an urgent need for **kid-friendly snacks**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a “**Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner**” on **April 26, 4-6 pm**. *Menu: Ham, scalloped potatoes, homemade beans and brown bread, vegetables, coleslaw and pie.* Tickets are \$15/adult and please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH – “**Take-Out Baked Ham Supper**” – **Friday, April 28th**, pick-up 4:00-5:30 pm at Nashwaaksis United Church (46 Main St.) *The delicious take-out supper includes carved baked ham, potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, roll, and raspberry cheesecake dessert for \$15.* Please call Rindy or Tom Austin, (506) 450-7151 by noon on Monday, April 24 to reserve your take-outs.

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH is hosting a “**Rummage Sale**” on **Friday, April 28th** from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and **Saturday, April 29th** from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. We're located at 473 King St. (corner of King & Carleton).

