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April 20th, 2025 11 am
EASTER SUNDAY
Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus & The Holy Sacrament of Communion

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy 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 peace and friendship with its people. If you are visiting or new to the congregation, please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

Everything that was broken has forgotten its brokenness.
Through every window…your presence.
Our touching, our stories. Earthly and holy both. How can this be, but it is.
Every day has something in it whose name is forever. **Mary Oliver**

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.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen indeed!
Leader: Alleluia!
People: Alleluia and Amen!!

*HYMN #164 VU The Day Of Resurrection

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: On this day of joy, O God, on this day of Resurrection and new life,

People: On this day of sign and sacrament, bread and cup;
Leader: On this day of story and community, of promise and praise, we gather as your Easter people!
People: May we recognize your presence here O God, with us and amongst us.
Leader: This we ask in the spirit of Jesus, who taught 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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
CHILDREN'S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY (#179 VU: R)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

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

***THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-18**

ANTHEM: ***Risen Today*** **Wesley/Rasley**

SERMON: ***The Wild Promise of Easter***

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (sung responses 203-205 MV)

THE INVITATION

***HYMN #468 VU Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ**

*** <u>A NEW CREED</u>**

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responses #203-5 MV)

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Gracious God, we raise voices hoarse from shouting alleluias.
We sing praises for the mystery of an empty tomb,
for the gift of life that breaks the bonds of death.
We give thanks for this earth: for starry nights and green-growing days.
All of this from you, Holy One, gifts for us, who are created in your image.

When you saw that we had lost our way, you sent us prophets and teachers, to remind us of your love. And finally you sent us Jesus, to lead us from death to the very celebration of life!

And so, with the beloved and the betrayers, with the saints and the sinners, the just and the unjust, with the faithful and the forgiven of all time and place, we sing:

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!

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the One on whom our hearts rely. At this table, he offers us the meal of new life. At this table he shares the gifts of forgiveness and grace. And so with gratitude and awe we sing:

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

Gathered now, at this table, we remember another table….

[the institution narrative continues….]

God of Life, send your Spirit upon us as we gather to share this meal; infuse this bread and this cup with the Spirit's joy. May alleluias fill our souls: for Christ who died is now alive! And so our hearts sing:

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

~~~~~*We Share the Feast*~~~~~~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Day by day, God will lead us:
People: To the places of holy encounter; the places of daring and courage.
Leader: Day by day, Jesus will call us:
People: To give ourselves in service; to offer ourselves in love.
Leader: Day by day, the Spirit shows us:
People: The people we might be; the community we might become.
Leader: And all God's people said:
ALL: AMEN!

*HYMN #173 VU Thine Is The Glory

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING: <u>Amen</u> (#974 VU)

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! Amen!
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POSTLUDE: ***The Day of Resurrection (Medley)***

The bulletin today is in loving memory of David Cook, husband, father and grandfather. Truly missed and always remembered at our family gatherings.
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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: The Morrison Family
Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster
Trustee on Duty (Apr): Jim Merrill

LOOKING AHEAD:
Sun., Apr. 27th - 11:00 am - Worship Service
Sat., May 3rd - 8:00 am - Yard Sale (see below)

SPRING YARD SALE – The **NMUC Yard Sale** will take place on **Saturday, May 3, 2025** at the **New Maryland Centre. Hours of the sale are 8:00 to 12:00.** Items can be dropped off at the Centre on **Friday, May 2 between 1pm and 8pm.** All items, **excluding clothing and larger electronic items such as televisions,** would be accepted**.** Items requiring pick up by truck or if the delivery of items is not possible for you, arrangements can be made for pick up on the Friday before the sale. **In order to make this fundraiser a success, we need your help in pricing, organizing the items, monitoring sales, and assisting with any pickups. NMUC Sunday School will be holding a canteen to raise funds for their projects as well.** The monies received from this fundraiser will be used towards the local operating budget. If interested in helping out with this event or if you need items picked up, please contact **Keith at (506) 455-1948** or **Dave at (506) 455-8208.**

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE: For the month of April, we will focus on canned pasta sauce. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.