

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION & THE WOMEN WHO HAVE MOTHERED US

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 friendship with its people. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. 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*

THE GATHERING

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

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: #396 VU Jesus Stand Among Us

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN # 232 VU Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

[Today's version is from Parker Palmer]

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 respond to the needs in our midst: and we will do so from a place of abundance!

Leader: And now we pray as Mary's Son taught us, saying:

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,

Holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come.

We pray that your good will be done.

Let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need.

Give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us.

From each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence, beyond the evil of our days.

Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

**For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One.**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! R/v.1/R
HONOURING WOMEN**

CHILDREN'S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! R/v.3/R

T H E R E S P O N S E

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.

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 58:6-11

SERMON: *Love Lays A Splendid Table*

ANTHEM: *One Bread, One Body*

J.B. Foley/M. Hayes, arr.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

***HYMN# 480 VU Let Us Break Bread Together**

*** A NEW CREED**

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.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks.

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, Puah, and Mary Magdalene.

**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!

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, signs of your unfailing mercy. And bless the need to eat that has drawn us to this feast.

May our prayers extend to the friends and strangers around us. 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 # 481 VU Sent Forth By God's Blessing**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Amen (#974 VU)**

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

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

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

# 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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.*

**Greeter This Week: Tina Glenn**

**Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster and Linda Watson**

**Trustee on Duty (May): Ann Urquhart**

*The bulletin today is dedicated by the UCW in memory of all past UCW members. The flowers in the church today are in celebration of all women of the congregation and are placed by the UCW.*

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Thurs., May 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm - Men's Club Yard Cleanup**

**Sun., May 19<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Pentecost**

**Sun., May 26<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service - Trinity Sunday**

**Spring Fundraiser** – In an effort to achieve our 2024 operating budget, the Committee of Stewards has planned a Spring Fundraiser to run throughout the month of May. We are so very fortunate to be both a single point charge and to have such a wonderful, full-time minister, and we welcome your continued support by donating to this important fundraising effort. Every dollar donated will be used to support church operations and maintenance and will be added to your 2024 income tax receipt.

To make a donation, please indicate on your offering envelope (or plain envelope) that it is for the 'Spring Fundraiser'. You can also mail your donation to the Church, New Maryland United Church, 875 Route 101 Hwy, Nasonworth, N. B. E3C 2C1, or arrangements can be made to pickup your donation.

Thank you for your continued support! It is so greatly appreciated!

**The Committee of Stewards**

## **MEN'S CLUB NEWS:**

**Church Grounds Clean Up** - The Men's Club will be doing a Church Grounds Clean Up on **Thursday evening, May 16 at 6:30**. All are welcome to join in. Bring your rake.

**Church BBQ** - Please be advised that thanks to several generous donations, the Men's Club was able to purchase BBQ for the church. A special thanks goes to the donors. The BBQ will be used for church functions and the Salmon Supper.

**GRADUATES** – If you are graduating or know of someone within our church family who is graduating this year, from high school, college, or university, please give the office a call (459-3313) or let Rev. Kelly know. Also, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main foyer. Graduates will be honoured on **June 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE:** For the month of **May**, we will focus on **kids snacks (peanut free)**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH** (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a **Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner on May 29, 4-6 p.m.** Tickets are \$20 per person. Menu: Pork, stuffing, potatoes, carrots, turnip, peas, gravy, cole slaw, rolls and PIES. Please call the church office at 506-457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

**NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH** (46 Main St.) will be having a **Yard Sale on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 am to 12 noon**. The sale will be held in the auditorium, so rain or shine. Cash only. Please use the front door. Hope to see you there!