

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 11 am  
THE ASCENSION

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:

*To live in this world you must be able  
to do three things: to love what is mortal;  
to hold it against your bones knowing  
your own life depends on it;  
and, when the time comes to let it go,  
to let it go.* Mary Oliver from “In Blackwater Woods”

## THE GATHERING

**\*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:** Christ is risen!  
**People:** Christ is risen indeed!  
**Leader:** Let us worship together!

**\*HYMN # 121 VU Tree of Life And Awesome Mystery (verses 1,2,3 and 5)**

**OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER [Today's version is paraphrased by Sarah Dylan Breuer]**

**Leader:** Forsaking chariots of fire, and fan-fared brass, as quietly as he came, O God,

**People:** Jesus leaves.

**Leader:** Just as from the grave he had to rise, so too, he must depart, it seems,

**People:** that he might be ‘everywhere.’

**Leader:** It is a story we really prefer to leave aside, O God,

**People:** So odd and full of absence as it is.

**Leader:** So we ask you to hold us in the mystery, as we pray together, saying:

**Loving Creator we honour you,  
and we honour all that you have made.**

**Renew the whole world in the image of Your love.**

**Give us what we need for today, and a hunger to see the whole world fed.**

**Strengthen us for what lies ahead;  
heal us from the hurts of the past;  
give us courage to follow your call in this moment.**

**For your love is the only power, the only home,  
the only honour we need,  
in this world and in the world to come. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! R/v.1/R  
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CHILDREN’S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! R/v.5/R**

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

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1: 1-11**

**ANTHEM: *All Night, All Day* Trad African American Spiritual**

**SERMON: *On Holding On and Letting Go***

**\*HYMN #278 VU In The Quiet Curve of Evening**

# 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

**\*HYMN #264 VU Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

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## 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: Steve Hayward**

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

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

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Wed., May 8<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 pm - Men's Club Meeting at the church**

**Sun., May 12<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Christian Family 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**

**GREETER SIGN UP SHEET** – Just a reminder that there is a “Greeter Schedule” posted at the back door. If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter some Sunday morning, kindly fill in your name by any Sunday that would be convenient for you. Thanks!

**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 posted on the bulletin board in the foyer if you'd like to sponsor a bulletin for a particular day.

**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.

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