

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 10:30 am  
10<sup>th</sup> After Pentecost

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself. Grace and peace to you all.

**THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION:** *"True joy means giving up our rights and preferences and serving everyone else!"*

## THE GATHERING

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

**\*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**\*INTROIT: #216 MV Wherever You May Go** (chorus, verse one, chorus):

Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
and your people shall be my people too.  
Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

Say the word and I will stay,  
I will never go away,  
we will travel side by side  
and God's love will be our guide.

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and your people shall be my people too.  
Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*):**

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;  
**God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us**

and waste the gifts we have been given.

**God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;**

let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;

**let us worship God together. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #595 VU We Are Pilgrims**

## **OPENING PRAYER (All)**

**Dear loving the Lord, you sent your son to serve. You sent him to give his life for me. Let your spirit awaken in me the same spirit of service. Let me not look for position and gain. Instead show me how to let others go before me. Make me humble and meek so I too can give my life, willfully obediently and faithfully in love, like Christ. In His holy name we pray, Amen**

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b VU p. 828-829**

**Parts One and Two**

**Matthew 14: 22-33**

**SERMON “*Jesus Said We Are to Serve*”**

**\*HYMN #161 MV I Have Called You by Your Name**

## **T H E R E S P O N S E**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY What Can I Do? MV #191**

**What can I do? What can I bring?**

**What can I say? What can I sing?**

**I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.**

**I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (repeat once)**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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**

**\*HYMN #481 VU Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

## **BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: #213 MV Take Up His Song:**

**Take up his song of peace and go into the world.  
Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.  
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;  
lay them down, in peace, lay them down,  
and take up his song.**

**SPECIAL BEACON EDITION: A special anniversary 'Beacon' is being planned to help celebrate not only Canada's 150th birthday but also New Maryland United Church's 130th. The committee is looking for photos, items of interest or newspaper clippings from years past, regarding church activities or what life was like for some of our early families who attended the New Maryland Kirk. How about submitting a story you remembered your grandparents telling you? Sue Morrison, Sharon Noel and Lydia LaPointe will be pleased to accept any submissions. All items will be returned to the owners. Thank you in advance for your help with this special project!**