

# **NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

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**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 10:30 am**  
**11<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.**

## **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.**

**\*WELCOME**

**\*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.**

**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.**

## **A CALL TO COMMUNITY: (*Responsive*)**

Each of us comes to this place from a life filled with commitments and preoccupations, challenges and opportunities.

**There are other things we could be doing this morning, other places we could be, but we come here because we need community.**

Here, may we be attentive to one another's cares and dreams.

**We need strength, encouragement, forgiveness, affirmation. We can give all of those things to one another**

May there be a blessing for us all in this time together .

## **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:**

Paul called the church, the body of Christ in the world.

**When we work for love and justice we bear his presence as light in the darkness.**

**\*HYMN #312 VU Praise with Joy, the World's Creator**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**We have gathered here in the name of Jesus who has called us to the fullness of our humanity. We have come out of our varied life experiences; with our joy and grief, faith and doubt, hope and fear. We have come to pray, to question, to celebrate, to be consoled and to be equipped to life faithfully in the way of Jesus. May it be so. Amen**

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Leviticus 19: 1-2 & 9-18  
Matthew 15: 10-20**

**SERMON "Getting Along"**

**\*HYMN #50 MV Spirit God, Be Our Breath**

# THE RESPONSE

## 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)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Loving God, we know we are a people who who have been richly blessed; we are surrounded with good things and have been blessed by love. Teach us of the responsibility that goes with all that we have. May what we offer now be a blessing to others and may our stewardship witness to our faith. Amen

### 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 #417 VU Lord, as We Rise to Leave

### 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thurs., Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am - Session Meeting**

**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**