

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

875 Route 101 Hwy. Nasonworth, NB E3C 2C1 Phone:506-459-3313
Minister: Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke, B.A., M.Div Office Administrator: Lorna Ball
Musical Director: Allan Morgan, B.Mus, J.D.
Choir Director: Carolyn Hatt, B.Mus, B.Mus Ed, M.Ed.
Pulpit Supply: Heather Donnelly

July 2, 2017 10:30 am
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you all.

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Hospitality is the practice of God's welcome by reaching across difference to participate in God's actions bringing justice and healing to our world in crisis.

– Letty M. Russell

THE GATHERING

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

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*INTROIT Come Touch Our Hearts (#12 MV)

**Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We gather today for worship marking the 150th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada.

All: **As we gather, we recognize that a history of a people is not all glory.**

One: The history of Canada has both joy and sorrow, both triumph and tragedy.

All: We have much to celebrate, much to lament, and much to dream.

One: Come, let us gather in the presence of God, our Creator.

All: Come, let us worship the Creator in whom we, and all creation, are one.

One: Come, let us open our hearts in thanksgiving.

All: Come, let us be filled with the Spirit's vision as we worship today.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

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

OPENING PRAYER:

One: O God of shepherd, warrior, and prophet; Creator of First Peoples, Pioneer, and saddlebag preacher; Light of immigrant, loyalist, and seeker: we live with history and we love your presence in it.

All: We trace our roots to your creative powers.

We embrace one another as children of your Spirit.

One: As we celebrate our history today, help us remember all of it:

All: that which makes us proud and that which makes us ashamed;

One: that which reveals our closeness to your Word
and that which reveals our distance.

All: Remind us of your constant presence: forgiving, restoring, recreating, and making all things new. Hear us, Redeemer God, as we dwell for a moment in your goodness. Amen.

Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto

SOME TIME WITH EACH OTHER

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

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON(S): Psalm 13 Voices United page 734
2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
John 8: 31-34
Matthew 10: 40-42

REFLECTION

*HYMN MV #172 God Says

THE RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY Spirit of Life #381 VU

Spirit of life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

DEDICATION

One: Welcoming One, bless these gifts with your Spirit.

All: Transform these gifts into the balm that your world needs.

In these gifts, may we welcome in a new world of love. Amen.

Written by the Rev. Elsa A. Cook, Copyright 2017 Local Church Ministries, Faith Formation Ministry Team, United Church of Christ

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE, LAMENT, AND HOPE

Gracious and Loving God,

in whom all of creation and all peoples live and move and have our being,
we gather to celebrate the 150th year since the Confederation of Canada.

we gather in gratitude for the richness of this land that goes from sea to sea to sea

For the First Peoples, who discovered this land millennia ago and who teach us that we are all one with creation and with each other,

we offer our gratitude to you, Creator of Life.

For the rich natural resources, the wonder of the variety of landscapes and ecosystems in our country, urban and rural, prairie and maritime, tundra and mountains,

we offer our gratitude to you, Creator of Life.

For a country in which we are free and safe to cast our vote, where our vote and our voice count, and where we can give voice to what we believe,
we offer our gratitude to you, Creator of Life.

For what our country has offered the world... ..lacrosse and basketball,
we offer our gratitude to you, Creator of Life.

We pray in awe and wonder, seeking to live daily lives that reflect gratitude.

We gather in lament... ..cultures, spirituality, and traditions,
this we lament, God-who-enters-into-suffering.

For the pain and suffering experienced... ..excused or justified;
this we lament, God-who-enters-into-suffering.

For seizing people's property... ..devoted Canadians,
this we lament, God-who-enters-into-suffering.

For others in our country who have been discriminated against, abused, and devalued because of their ethnicity, beliefs, or country of origin,
this we lament, God-who-enters-into-suffering.

For the continuing violent and derogatory attitudes and actions that prevent those of the LGBTQ2 community from living freely who they are,
this we lament, God-who-enters-into-suffering.

For those who have suffered devastation in both natural and human-made disasters,
this we lament, God-who-enters-into-suffering.

We join our voices to cry out for justice for the continuing wrongs in our country.

We dream of the future for our beloved land of Canada: For a country where the best of Canadian values of peacemaking, compassion, hospitality, generosity, fairness, and kindness are lived day by day and extended to everyone in this land,

to this we commit ourselves as your faithful people, Loving God.

For a country where everyone shares in the abundance, where everyone has food, shelter, safety, and employment, where everyone is valued as they are for who they truly are,

to this we commit ourselves as your faithful people, Loving God.

For a country where... ..with all of creation,

to this we commit ourselves as your faithful people, Loving God.

For the possibilities and promise we have as a nation in which every one of us can contribute our ideas, our imagination, and our creativity for the good of all,

to this we commit ourselves as your faithful people, Loving God.

For the leadership... ..caring for the environment,

to this we commit ourselves as your faithful people, Loving God.

For the vision... ..the Way of Jesus,

to this we commit ourselves as your faithful people, Loving God.

***HYMN VU#593 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Go, Make a Diff'rence (209 MV)**

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

*Prayers written by Susan Lukey (unless otherwise credited), Gathering, Lent Easter, pages 82-5.
Used with permission.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: 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. Jane Johnson at 440-9981.

Greeter This Week: Bob Watson

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

Trustees On Duty (July): Jim Merrill and Doug Price

Summer Worship: Worship services for the summer months at NMUC will be at **10:30 am** from **July 2 to September 3 (inclusive)**. **Note also that the church office will be closed for the months of July and August.**

GREEN TIP: Ice cream season is here, for those who experience “brain freeze” (the headache some get when eating ice cream) press your tongue against the roof of your mouth, to stop it.

LOOKING AHEAD! MEN’S CLUB SALMON SUPPER - We would like to serve homemade pickles at our supper in October. If you make your own pickles, would you consider putting aside a couple of jars for this? Many thanks... Dave Ward

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the months of **July and August** any and all food items would be deeply appreciated.

Available for pick up at the back door today:

***latest edition of “*The Beacon*” newsletter**

***latest edition of the United Church magazine “*The Observer*”**

Don’t forget to pick up some summer reading material from our library. There are lots of great choices!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

ST. PAUL’S Organ Academy - If you are a piano student . . . young or old... . . and would like to try your skills on a three-manual pipe organ, come along to **St. Paul’s United Church**, 224 York Street on **Saturday, July 8th**. Dr. Sharon Pond, organist at St. Paul’s and Dr. Willis Noble, formerly at Christ Church Cathedral, are offering a day-long workshop where you will get a turn at the organ and learn the basics of performing Baroque music. The session starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The fee for the day, including lunch, is \$25. You can register in advance with either instructor at spond@bellaliant.net or willis.noble@gmail.com

