

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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June 11th, 2017 11 am
Trinity Sunday

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 & 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: This is the day that our God has made.

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

One: This is the world that our God has made.

All: We will rejoice and take care of it!

One: We are the children that our God has made!

All: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN #412 VU This is the Day**

OPENING PRAYER: (Body Prayer)

(Please stand and participate in this prayer, first as it is explained, and then silently with no explanation.)

[Stand with your feet firmly planted on the ground.] Remember that you are rooted and connected to all of God's creation.

[Place your palms together in front of you, assuming a prayerful position.] Remember that worship involves all of our being—the right and left hemispheres of our brains.

[Bow to the earth]. Remember the earth is God's great creation and source of life.

[Raise both hands over your head and open your palms upward.] Remember all of the wonders and the vastness of the universe, and be open to the blessing of God.

[Bring your arms down and out to form a circle in front of you, touching the tips of your longest fingers]. Remember that you are part of the world and connected to all of the world's people and all of the joys and the struggles of humankind.

[Bring your arms in and cross over the chest to give yourself a hug.] Remember that you are truly loved, as wondrous, unique creations of God.

[Open arms wide with your palms extended and turn your body to face those around you], offering a blessing to all who are gathered.

[Clasp your hands together in the prayer position] and bow again to the earth.

[Rise and clap your hands] as a reminder to stay aware and open to God's presence in and around us.

(Repeat the actions without describing their meaning.....)

A moment of thoughtful silence.....

**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**

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

SCRIPTURE: Creation Litany (from Genesis 1 and 2)

***HYMN #409 VU Morning Has Broken**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8: 1, 3-9

ANTHEM: *What A Wonderful World* G.D. Weiss & B. Thiele

REFLECTION: *Caring for Creation – Water Symbols*

***HYMN #296 VU This Is God's Wondrous World**

T H E R E S P O N S E

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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.

PRAYER: A Litany of Confession

Reader #1: God, our Creator, we are called to “Live with respect to creation” but we confess that we have not always done well in caring for your world. You have given us the beautiful garden of Earth to care for,

Reader #2:.... And we keep paving it over to make more parking lots.

All: Forgive us Creator God

Reader #1: We have figured out ways to recycle and conserve the world’s resources,

Reader #2: But we complain that it is too hard and too messy to sort out the items for recycling and composting.

All: Forgive us, Creator God.

Reader #1: We use automobiles when we could easily cycle, run or walk,

Reader #2: And add to global warming and the pollution of our air.

All: Forgive us Creator God.

Reader #1: We waste water by letting taps run and drip, and by over-watering our lawns,

Reader #2: ... and pollute our water with chemical spills and runoff.

All: Forgive us, Creator God.

Reader #1: We have bright, beautiful and creative children in our midst.

Reader #2: And we ask them to be quiet and do things the way they have always been done.

All: Holy God, forgive us for the ways that we have spoiled your creation. Help us to make a fresh start for the good of your world and for the sake of future generations that will live in it. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***HYMN #135 MV Called by Earth and Sky**

BENEDICTION

Let us go from here as a people committed to care for all of God's creation.

And may the blessing of God the Creator, of Christ the Creative Word and of the Spirit who brooded over the waters of creation, be with us now and always. Amen.

***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.

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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.

Greeters: Tupling & Knorr families

Offering: Hudson Harris & Allyson Loftus

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Bob Watson

Trustees On Duty (June): Dave Ward and Lloyd Penney

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., June 14th - 6:30 pm - U.C.W. year end outing (see below)

**Sun., June 18th - 11:00 am - Dad & Grad Service+Sunday School closing
12:00 noon - “Sundae Sunday” following service**

Next Sunday, June 18th will be the **closing of Sunday School** for the summer months. Plan to join us following the service for hot dogs and ice-cream with all the fixings for sundaes. We will also be celebrating **Graduation for members of our New Maryland United Church family.** If you have any family member graduating this year, please give Lorna the details of who is graduating and from where by Tuesday, June 13th.

UCW will be going to **McGinnis Landing**, (corner of King & Westmorland) to enjoy a social time and a lovely dinner on **Wed., June 14th at 6:30 p.m.** All women in the congregation would be very welcome to join us. If you would like your name added to the reservation list, contact Dorothy at **457-9795**.

GREEN TIP: Microwave popcorn bags are lined with “perfluorooctanoic acid”, bad for the air and bad for you. Pop instead the old fashioned way with a thin layer of canola oil.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **June**, we will focus on **canned fruits or vegetables**. Please note that condiments always come in handy as well. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. **6.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

2017 MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY WALK (10th Anniversary) will take place on **Saturday, June 24th**. For further details, see our bulletin board.

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a **“Steak & Chicken BBQ”** on **Wednesday, June 28th – 4-6 p.m.** Adult: \$14 and Child \$3. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

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 .