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**October 8th, 2017 11 am
THANKSGIVING 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 to Rev. Burke. Grace and peace to you in this season of giving thanks!

Thought for Meditation:

In the hour of misery, the eye turns to friendship. In the hour of gladness, what is our want? It is friendship.

Walter S. Landor

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: Let Us Build a House (#1 MV)**

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN # 227 VU For The Fruit Of All Creation**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**As our songs rise up to you, Holy One, so too does our thanksgiving.
So meet us in this place: this place of reunion, and welcome, and
worship. Fill us your joy, with your grace, and with your
extravagant hope. This we pray in the name, and in the way of
Jesus, saying:**

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.

**CHILDREN'S HYMN# 13 MV O Let The Power Fall On Me
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 1:7-14

ANTHEM: *All Good Gifts* J. Martin

SERMON: *Love Letters*

***HYMN# 220 VU Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY:

As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought (#518 VU)

**As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock and field
To God, the giver of all good, the source bounteous yield;
So we today our first-fruits bring: the wealth of this good land, of
farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A THANKSGIVING LITANY

Thank you Holy One:

**For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;
for seen and unseen splendors:**

For human life: our dust and holy breath; for talking and moving and
thinking together; for common hopes and hardship shared:

For work to do and strength to work; for the camaraderie of labor;

For family; for living together and eating together; for family bonds and
family joy:

**For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and
their startling frankness;**

For the young; and their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out
attitudes; for their search for freedom;

**For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience;
and for time made precious by its passing:**

We give thanks to the Lord.

God's love is everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN # 232 VU Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 This Week: Maxine and Shirley McConnell
Trustees On Duty (Oct): Ann Urquhart and Doug Price**

LOOKING AHEAD:

**Sun., Oct. 8th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Thanksgiving Sunday
Wed., Oct. 11th - 1:00 pm - Quilters
7:00 pm - UCW Meeting (see below)
Sun., Oct. 15th - 4-6 pm – Salmon Supper
Mon., Oct. 16th - 8:00 am - Outreach goes to Christ Church Cathedral**

U.C.W. will meet on Wed., Oct. 11th at 7 p.m. in the home of Loraine Ward, 64 Kindle Court. New members are very welcome. Call Dorothy at 457-9795 for more info.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SUNDAY- OCT. 15 - SALMON SUPPER

The Men's Club is looking forward to the continued support of the entire congregation for the annual **Salmon Supper** on **October 15th**. The following are ways you can help:

- *we will be looking for ticket sellers plus workers for both sittings;
- *individuals are invited to come and help wrap salmon on Saturday morning (Oct. 14) at 10:00 am at the church;
- *those who would like to make apple crisp, call Dave Ward at 455- 8208;
- *and if you make your own pickles, would you consider putting aside a couple of jars for our supper? There is a 'pickle box' at the main door if you'd like to drop off your pickles anytime.
- *also, any financial help would be appreciated with which we can purchase potatoes, carrots, peas and other supplies.
- *tickets are \$17 now available.

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!

GREEN TIP - Onions give off a gas that can make the hardest potato turn soft and sprout. They both like a dark, cool spot. Just be sure they are kept a distance apart

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **October**, we will focus on **pasta or pasta sauces**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.