

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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September 3rd, 2017 10:30 am
13th 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

I pray that I will never take my church membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity to serve others and to be apart of something so much greater than any one person or member.

THE GATHERING

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

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

***INTROIT: #MV 216 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:**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

P: We belong to God.

L: When we feel overwhelmed,

P: God is on our side

L: When we are afraid,

P: God will keep us safe.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: Blessed be the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER: We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name, AMEN.

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

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 3: 1-15
Romans 12: 9-21**

REFLECTION "Understanding the Gift of Membership"

***HYMN #291 VU All Things Bright and Beautiful**

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 #213 VU Rejoice the Lord is King**

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

Please note that next Sunday, September 10th, worship services at NMUC will return to the regular time of 11 am.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Sept. 10th - 11:00 am – Sunday School classes resume

Mon., Sept. 11th - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Wed., Sept. 13th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting

Tue., Sept. 26th - 7:00 pm - Official Board 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!

FOOD BANK – Please note that the Food Bank has advised they are in need of school supplies, as well as any food items you may wish to donate.