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July 15th, 2018 10:30 am SUMMER WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.

Thought for Meditation:

Do a loony-goony dance 'cross the kitchen floor,
Put something silly in the world,
That ain't been there before! Shel Silverstein, A Light in The Attic

THE GATHERING

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

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying (#400 VU)

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the Joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN #238 VU O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: We gather together in this place, O God, because it is what a people of faith do, isn't it?

People: When we are together, we remember who we are, better than when we are alone.

Leader: This is where we come to hear, in a way we do nowhere else, O God, that we are loved beyond measure,

People: That we are, with all of our failings, still your Beloved Community,

Leader: And that we become, O God – for one another, and for the world – a sign of your holy presence. And so together, let us pray as Jesus taught, 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 14-16

SERMON: On Dancing, God, and When To Ignore "The Look"

*HYMN#156 MV Dance With The Spirit

THE RESPONSE

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#191 MV x 2)

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- *HYMN #142 MV Oh A Song Must Rise
- *BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BLESSING: May The God Of Hope Go With Us (424 VU v.1)

May the God of Hope go with us every day filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful, when we hear Christ's call.

The bulletin today is dedicated in memory of Paul Lister from his friend Bill Elderkin.

Summer Worship: Worship services for the summer months at NMUC will be at 10:30 am from July 1st to September 2nd inclusive.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE – Just a reminder to keep the **Food Bank** in mind over the summer months. For the months of **July & August** any food items would be deeply appreciated.