

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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SUNDAE SUNDAY: SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOSING,
CELEBRATING THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM,
THE HOLY RITE OF CONFIRMATION, & THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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:

We are all just walking each other home.

Ram Dass

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:**

Leader 1: There was once a man who came into the world. He did such amazing things that people began to ask: "Who are you?"

Leader 2: And he said: "I am the Light of The World."

Leader 1: And so we light the Christ Candle.

[Christ candle is lit]

Leader 2: This reminds us that the Spirit of Jesus is with us still.

Leader 1: And we have to shine that light!

***Introit: Standing On The Promises of God**

Standing on the promises I cannot fall.

Listening every moment to the Spirit's call.

Resting in my Saviour as my all in all,

Standing on the promises of God.

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises
of God my Saviour.**

Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you all!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Welcome Families and Friends for Baptism and Confirmation!

People: Welcome Children and Sunday School Leaders!

Leader: Welcome to neighbours and old timers and brand new friends!

People: Welcome Everyone!

Leader: Welcome, because you are all a part of this Community, of this Family of faith, and we are glad to be together!

People: Let us worship the Lord together!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Leader 1: This is your day, Amazing God, and we are here to celebrate and give thanks!

Leader 2: Thank you for Sunday School: for Bible stories and crafts, and prayers.

Leader 3: Thank you for teachers and friends.

Leader 1: Thank you for ordinary days, and for special days like today!

Leader 2: Thanks for hot dogs and ice cream and a church family to share it with.

Leader 3: And thanks for Jesus, who taught us to pray together, 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

***HYMN# 443 VU God, We Pray At This Beginning (alt tune #333)**

Introduction to The Sacrament (From: *A Song of Faith*):

In grateful response to God's abundant love,
we bear in mind our integral connection
to the earth and one another;

we participate in God's work of healing and mending creation.

To point to the presence of the holy in the world,

**the church receives, consecrates, and shares
visible signs of the grace of God.**

In company with the churches

of the Reformed and Methodist traditions,
we celebrate two sacraments as gifts of Christ:
baptism and holy communion.

In these sacraments the ordinary things of life
—water, bread, wine—

point beyond themselves to God and God's love,
teaching us to be alert to the sacred in the midst of life.

**Before conscious thought or action on our part,
we are born into the brokenness of this world.
Before conscious thought or action on our part,
we are surrounded by God's redeeming love.**

Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity
is the means by which we are received, at any age,
into the covenanted community of the church.

**Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining,
and transforming power of God's love**

and our grateful response to that grace.

The Presentation of the Candidate – Tina Glenn, the Clerk of Session:

Jesus said: ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to them that the kingdom of God belongs. And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

On behalf of the congregation of New Maryland United Church, I present **Madelyn Katherine Baxter, Lily Monica Joyce Nelson, Ella Jean Nelson, and Chloe Marie Helen Nelson**, for initiation into the body of Christ through Baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Questions to Parents, Meagan and Adam Baxter and Amy and Adam Nelson:

Do you believe in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit/
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words
and by your actions?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you live in the knowledge and love of God, resisting evil,
living with respect in creation, and loving and serving others?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you continue to grow in faith and love, so that being
strengthened by the Holy Spirit, you may go forth to serve God
faithfully in the world?

I will, God being my helper.

(Congregation will stand)

As the congregation of New Maryland United Church, do you commit
yourself to support and nurture **Madelyn, Lily, Ella, Chloe, and /** **4.**

their families, within this community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

We do, by the grace of God

Prayer Of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of creation made known to us in water and word.

Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Moses your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom, and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the Promised Land.

You have come to us through water in the stories of Jesus, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb, baptized by John in the Jordan, and became Living Water to a woman at the Samaritan well. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, and sent them forth to baptize with water and the Spirit.

By your Holy Spirit O God, bless this water we pray. May it be a sign of new life in Christ. Amen.

The Act of Baptism

Baptism in the name of the Triune God

Marking with the sign of the cross

Invocation of the Spirit

Aaronic Blessing

Declaration and Presenting them to the Congregation

Presentation of Certificate and Candle

A Song For The Newly Baptized: *God Claims You*

CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF ADULT BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION:

As our *Song of Faith* states, “Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity is the means by which we are received, at any age, into the covenanted community of the church.”

At various moments on the journey of our life in Christ, we have opportunity to re-affirm and re-new the faith proclaimed in Baptism. And so, we gather here this morning, to bear witness as 4 women, one baptized as an infant, and three to be baptized now, will profess the faith of the Christian Community in which they have been nurtured.

The Presentation of the Candidates – Tina Glenn, the Clerk of Session:
On behalf of the congregation of New Maryland United Church, I present **Marjorie Faye Olmstead** for initiation into the body of Christ through Baptism; **Amber Dawn Knorr and Emma Rose Knorr** for initiation into the body of Christ through Baptism and Confirmation. And I present **Jessica Ann Tupling** who, through Confirmation, seeks to renew the faith proclaimed in her Infant Baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Questions to Marjorie, Amber, Emma and Jessica:

Do you believe in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit/
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words
and by your actions?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you live in the knowledge and love of God, resisting evil,
living with respect in creation, and loving and serving others?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you continue to grow in faith and love, so that being
strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and fed at the Table of Jesus, /6.

you may go forth to serve God faithfully in this congregation and the world?

I will, God being my helper.

(Congregation will stand)

As the congregation of New Maryland United Church, let us pledge our continued support and care for **Marjorie, Amber, Jessica and Emma:**

Marjorie, Amber, Jessica and Emma, we will continue to walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help we will live out our Baptism as a loving community in Jesus: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in God's work. This we do promise.

The Act of Baptism & Confirmation

Baptism in the name of the Triune God

Asperges/Remembering Our Baptism

Marking with the sign of the cross (Chrism)

Invocation of the Spirit/Laying on of Hands

Aaronic Blessing

Declaration

Presentation of Certificates, Bibles and Candles

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

ANTHEM: *I Feel The Spirit*

CELEBRATING SUNDAY SCHOOL

***HYMN#365 VU Jesus Loves Me**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN # 420 VU Go To The World**

***BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace Besig/Price**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see,
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
A-a-men. A-a-men. A-a-a-men.**

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~Today we joyfully welcome Madelyn Katherine Baxter, as she is baptized into this community of faith. Madelyn is the daughter of Meagan and Adam Baxter, and a sister to big brother Jack.

~We delight in the Baptism of the “Nelson girls,” Lily, Ella, and Chloe, daughters of Amy and Adam Nelson.

~ We welcome with love, Marjorie Faye Olmstead, a long time part of this church family, who is now received into full membership through the sacrament of Baptism.

~We acknowledge with love the Baptism and Confirmation of three young women who have grown up in our church: Amber Dawn Knorr, Jessica Ann Tupling and Emma Rose Knorr. Amber and Emma are the daughters of Deborah and Jeff Knorr, and Jess is the daughter of Krista and Ron Tupling, and sister of Abby. /8.

~ We give deep thanks for Superb Sunday School Teachers: Sheila Power (S.S. Co-ordinator), Brooke-Lyn Power, Krista Tupling, Deborah Knorr, Amy Nelson, Shannon Phillips, Jenn Harris,

~ And Hurrah for Amazing Sunday School Children!

Blessings abound!

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. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Trustees On Duty (June): David Ward and Doug Price

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., June 13th - 6:00 pm - UCW – June outing (see below)

Sun., June 17th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Dad & Grad Sunday

Mon., June 18th - 6:00 pm - Men's Club – June outing (see below)

All women of our congregation would be very welcome to join our UCW members for supper on **Wed., June 13th at 6 p.m.** at Frank's Finer Diner on Two Nations Crossing (across from the north side Canadian Tire and WalMart). To be added to our reservation list, call Dorothy at 457-9795.

The **Men's Club** have planned their year-end supper for **Monday, June 18th at 6:00 pm** at Wetmore's. All men of the congregation are welcome. Call Dave Ward at **455-8208** so as reservations can be made.

THE BEACON: Please submit all committee reports, news items, photos, ads, etc. for the next newsletter on or before **Tuesday, June 12th**. Items may be left at the church office or sent by e-mail to klister1938@gmail.com.

GRADUATES - Next **Sunday, June 17th**, we will 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.