

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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A DAY OF CELEBRATION!

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM; SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOSING;
HONOURING THE FATHERS & GRADUATES IN OUR MIDST!**

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred 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 friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

Become like a child, Jesus said, if you want to mature as an adult. To play the ultimate game, don't rely on will, belief, denial, or reason alone. Play. Play with the Creator. Enter the existential game with imagination, wonder, and laughter if you want to become new without end.

Jerome W. Berryman

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: Dance With The Spirit (#156 MV) x2**

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-born-in'
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God of Grace and Promise,

On this day of sign and sacrament, of water and word,

People: On this day of hot dogs and ice cream sundaes, of love and laughter,

Leader: On this day of faith and family, of promise and praise,

People: May we recognize your holy presence, O God, with us and among us. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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# 161 MV I Have Called You By Your Name**

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 **Allison Nancy MacGillivray** for initiation into the body of
Christ through Baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Questions to Parents, Joanne and Stuart MacGillivray:

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 **Allison and her family**, 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: *Allison, Allison, God Claims You*

CHILDREN'S HYMN: #85 MV Take, O Take Me As I Am

PRESENTATION TO THE MEN:

A PICTURE PRAYER

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

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING: ANTHEM: *'Tis A Gift To Be Simple*

OFFERTORY: What Can I Do? (#191 MV) x2

**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.**

ACKNOWLEDGING THE GRADUATES

A Prayer For The Grads:

**We pray for you graduates more than you will ever know. May
God's presence be with you, as near as breath. May God summon
out all that you will be. And may it bring you joy. In Jesus' name,
Amen.**

CELEBRATING SUNDAY SCHOOL: presentation of certificates

***HYMN #549 VU For All Your Goodness, God**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Wherever You May Go (#216 MV, ch/v.1/ch)**

**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.**

**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.**