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October 6th, 2019 11 am WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY: An All Ages Service

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:

Sharing food with another human being is an intimate act that should never be taken lightly.

M.F.K. Fisher

THE GATHERING

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

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Come In, Come In And Sit Down, #395 VU (ch./v.3, ch.)

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family. We are lost, and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;

We are the branches, Christ is the vine.

This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine.

But we are a part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family. We are lost, and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship God together!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: As we gather on this World Communion Sunday, Holy One, may the Blessing of the Maker be ours,

People: encircling us, above us, and within us.

Leader: May the Blessing of the Son be ours,

People: the wine and the water, the bread and the stories, to feed us and to remind us.

Leader: May the Blessing of the Spirit be ours,

People: the Wind and the Fire, the still small voice of calm, to comfort us, and to disturb us.

Leader: May the Blessing of God, Three in One and One in Three, be ours in this time of worship, and always,

People: to delight us, confound us, encourage us and strengthen us.

Leader: And may we be a blessing to one another,

People: a blessing rooted in our common pilgrimage, the blessing of a friend.

Leader: And hear us now as we join our voices with those around the world, 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: #193 MV God Bless To Us Our Bread

MISSION & SERVICE JARS

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THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: <u>As We Journey Together</u> (Kingsbury/Bowman ©2015 Tidal Bore Music. All rights reserved. Lyrics reprinted by permission.)

As we journey together on the path of faith,
May our hearts be attentive to Christ's plan,
And may we be responsive to our broken world,
Off'ring freely the talents that we can.
May all we bring, be blessed and shared
With those who need a helping hand.
May all we bring, be blessed and shared
creating justice through the land.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 6: 1-14

TABLE TALK: What Shall We Eat And Drink?

ANTHEM: Bread of Life Joel Raney

THE INVITATION (Adapted from J. Richardson's Blessing For A World Communion)

Leader: Come to the table, for the table is wide.

People: And the welcome will be wide.

Leader: And the arms will open wide to gather us in. People: And our hearts will open wide to receive.

Leader: And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

People: And we will turn to each other without fear.

Leader: And we will become bread for a hungering world. People: and we will become drink for those who thirst.

Leader: And the blessed will become the blessing.

People: And everywhere will be the feast!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN #468 VU Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ

* A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung refrains: #203-205 MV, Kingsfold)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As the seed which was scattered to all corners of the world comes together to make bread on our table,

So God's people gather from all corners of the world to share in the great banquet of thankfulness and hope.

At God's table there are no divisions. At God's table all are welcome to share in the bounty.

And so we join with our ancestors in the faith, with our brothers and sisters around the world, and with the saints and angels, to give you praise, singing:

Oh, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace. Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise, And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

We thank you for Jesus, who lived a life of radical hospitality. He shows us still that life is a holy gift, and meant to be shared. And he taught us this by sitting down at a table... (the Institution narrative continues)

And so we continue to partake in this holy meal, and in so doing, we proclaim the mystery of our faith, singing:

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again! Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

You call us to sing the songs of faith in places both familiar and strange. You call us to share the banquet of faith with long time friends and new acquaintances.

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon us, your gathered people, and upon these gifts of the Table: wheat of the field and fruit of the vine; and may we all be filled!

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Fed and filled at your Table, O God, bless to us this day: The doors we open, the thresholds we cross, and all the roads that lie before us. Go with us always, and at the closing of the day, welcome us home.

*HYMN # 481 VU Sent Forth By God's Blessing

*CHORAL BLESSING: Go Make A Difference (#209 MV, ch./v.2/ch.)

Go make a difference. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a difference in the world.

We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see.

We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.

Go make a difference in the world!

Go make a difference. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a difference in the world.

The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of Scott Parlee by Allen and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: www.newmarylandunited.ca

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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Cynthia Geldart

Trustees On Duty (Oct): David Ward and Jim Merrill

Tellers On Duty: Lloyd Penney and Tina Glenn

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Oct. 6th - 11:00 am - World Communion Sunday

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

Wed., Oct. 9th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting (see below)

Sun., Oct. 13th - 11:00 am - Thanksgiving Sunday (see below)

Sun., Oct. 20th - 4:00 & 5:30 – Salmon Supper (see over)

U.C.W. will meet on Wed., Oct. 9th at 7:00 pm in Anne Johnson's home (129 Springwater Lane). Call Dorothy at 457-9795 for further details.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – OCTOBER 13TH

The Worship Committee will be decorating the sanctuary on Saturday morning, Oct. 12 in preparation for the Thanksgiving service. *Do you have some extra vegetables from your garden, or could you pick up an extra turnip or a few extra apples when you are doing your grocery shopping? How about a fall mum or an extra jar of your latest batch of pickles or jam? Donations of vegetables, fruit, preserves and decorative fall items would be very much appreciated.* Your items can be dropped off any week day morning between 10 am and 12 noon or on Saturday morning, Oct. 12th by 10 am. Your many small donations will create a spectacular display for our Thanksgiving Sunday service.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Salmon Supper – Sun., Oct. 20th The Men's Club is looking forward to the continued support of the entire congregation for the annual Salmon Supper on Sunday, October 20th. We will be looking for ticket sellers plus workers for both sittings. Those who would like to make apple crisp, call David Ward @ 455-8208. An if you make your own pickles, would you consider putting aside a couple of jars for our supper? There will be 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 \$18 and books are now available from Keith Ball (455-1948).

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

For the month of **October**, we will focus on **canned meats (tuna, ham, chicken)**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for plastic grocery bags as well as we use them for packing.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (183 Gibson St.), will be hosting a "**Turkey Dinner**" on **Oct. 23, 4 – 6 p.m. \$15/person.** Please call 457-1666 to reserve your tickets.

The **Women's Inter-Church Council** of Fredericton is having their Annual General Meeting on **Friday, October 18, 2019** at 1:30 PM at St. Paul's United Church,224 York Street (corner of York and George St.) Please bring your Fellowship of the Least Coin collection at the meeting. The membership fees are due of the amount of \$10.00 per church. Those who are on the Executive Committee only are responsible for providing the Refreshment at the Annual General Meeting. Everyone is welcome of all Christian denominations.