NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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September 1st, 2019 10:30 am LAST OF 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:

No work is insignificant. All labour that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE GATHERING

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

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Spirit of Life (#381 VU, refrain)

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea, move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close, wings set me free, Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

*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 # 245 VU Praise The Lord With The Sound Of Trumpet

OPENING PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Leader: Jesus called us to come, O God, and take rest from our labours,

People: and so we gather in your Presence this day.

Leader: When we are tired from all that we have been doing,

bring us rest.

People: When we are tired of *what* we are doing, bring us purpose and direction.

Leader: Where we have taken on too much, lift our burden.

People: When we have avoided too much, engage and challenge us.

Leader: When we have given up, touch us with new life, new hope, and new energy, through the Spirit of the Living Christ, who taught us to pray, 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 SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Exodus 20: 9-10; Colossians 3:17, 23-24

SERMON: Honouring The Labour of All

*HYMN# 227 VU For The Fruit Of All Creation

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: We Give Thee But Thine Own(#543 VU)

We give thee but thine own, What e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive, And gladly, as thou blesses us, To thee our first fruits give.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- *HYMN #30 MV It's A Song Of Praise To The Maker
- *BENEDICTION
- * CHORAL BLESSING: We Will Go With God (#223 MV)

We will go with God! Alleluia! We will go with God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Sep. 8th - 11:00 am - Worship Service + Sunday School resumes

Mon., Sep. 9th - 1:30 pm - Session Meeting

7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Wed., Sep. 11th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting

Tue., Oct. 1st - 7:00 pm - NMUC Official Board Meeting

MEN'S CLUB - Thinking ahead to our annual salmon supper on Sunday, October 20th - if you make your own pickles, would you consider putting aside a couple of jars for our supper? Dave Ward

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